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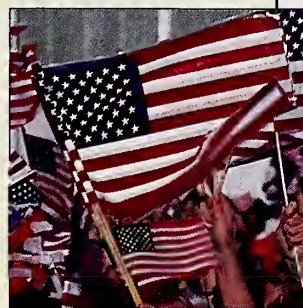
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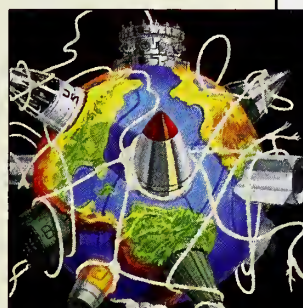
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Although your April article on the ACLU was generally fair and accurate, there were a number of incorrect and misleading statements that could result in a mistaken characterization of the ACLU as an extremist or ideologically rigid organization, which it is not.

For example, your article flatly asserts that the ACLU has opposed airport metal detectors. We have not. We have never during my 12 years as executive director ever issued a statement opposing airport metal detectors or filed a suit challenging them. What we have always opposed are "profiles," which allow police and airport security guards to stop and search people according to how they *look* rather than on what they may be suspected of *doing*.

When personal appearance rather than objective evidence is used as a basis to stop and search, discrimination results. Many blacks, including newspaper reporters, ballplayers and actors, have been stopped for no reason other than the fact that they were black and dressed more flamboyantly than the police thought they should be. That is not fair, and we oppose it. But our opposition has nothing to do with metal detectors.

You also complain about our position that roadblock searches, urine testing and searches in general should not be conducted unless there is good reason to believe the person to be searched has violated the law. But nothing is more traditionally American than this position. The original Americans rebelled against England largely because of the British practice of searching people and homes whenever they pleased, without a warrant and even when there was no reason to suspect someone of a crime.

Our ancestors hated these unfair searches, and after the revolution, they demanded permanent protection by enacting the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits the government from searching without a warrant and without good reason to suspect an individual of possessing evidence of a crime. Searching people without individualized suspicion does not make us safer, and results overwhelmingly in violating the rights of *innocent* people. That is why a Michigan sheriffs' associ-

ation opposed the roadblock searches in that state: They said it was a waste of police time because stopping people without good cause resulted in 99 percent of the searches conducted against innocent people. Why do that? If you hang everyone, you'll surely get the guilty, but that isn't the American way.

Finally, your article distorts our position on covert operations. We do believe covert operations should be abolished. You conclude from that that we oppose the secret gathering of intelligence information and that if we had our way, it would "[handcuff] the intel-

ligence community." But we do *not* oppose the secret gathering of intelligence. Nor do we oppose covert military operations that are properly authorized by Congress consistent with its constitutional war powers.

What we oppose are the kind of secret military operations that were conducted without the authorization and sometimes without the knowledge of Congress, and which resulted in major scandals. Why should a secret military organization, not subject to the control of Congress, be running around loose overthrowing legitimate governments and committing crimes, including assassination? All Americans should oppose such operations. They have no place in a democratic society, and they have resulted in many foreign policy disasters as well.

These are not easy issues, and people may not always agree with the ACLU on every question. But we try to remain true to the Bill of Rights, and to the traditional American values it reflects. We think the original Americans would rather like most of what we do. After all, when they opposed unreasonable searches, championed freedom of expression and first proposed the Bill of Rights, they were called extremists, too.

Ira Glasser  
Executive Director, ACLU  
New York

All flag waving aside, I'm certain that the vast number of Legionnaires did not go off to fight wars for what the ACLU deems right and wrong with this country. For that matter, most of the nation's population does not agree with the ACLU or its radical agenda.

The major thrust of the ACLU is anti-Christian. Instead of calling themselves the American Civil Liberties Union, something more appropriate might be Anti-Christian Litigation Union. They were instrumental in banning prayer in schools, are opposed to nativity displays at Christmas, even if paid by private funds, and against "under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance.

If their convoluted thinking ever completely prevails, we will have anarchy. They hold all authority in con-

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*Richard Delp  
Carlisle, Pa.*

## Unwell Fare

I voted "yes" to the question in the May issue of *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, "Should welfare recipients be required to work?" Work not only builds self-esteem but repays the country which helps feed and take care of people in their time of need. I served in Vietnam and I am combat disabled. I have friends who are combat disabled, too. I work and my friends work whenever they are able. There are many people who can work but don't. I think this is wrong and takes advantage of programs that provide help when people need it.

**W** Warren Weber  
Smithville, Texas

## Combat Ready

Regarding women in combat, I don't see where they are any different from men. I'm for women serving in combat 100 percent. They draw the same pay. It's just like the federal civil service. I believe women should be fighting with men. There's no excuse for women not to be in combat.

**W** Gene Gardner  
Wichita, Kan.

I do believe women should be allowed in combat. They should have all the rights and opportunities any member of the Armed Forces is given when they enlist. Women have as much right to be in combat as men.

**W** Tom Drury  
Westwood, N.J.

## Mexico Trade

I fully agree with Rep. Helen Delich Bentley of Maryland (Big Issues, April), that a free trade pact with Mexico would further reduce our internal production facilities and would promote greater unemployment in the United States.

Exporting American jobs is not the solution for these problems. If the United States has a free-trade pact with Mexico, only businesses would benefit from lower land prices, low wages and the elimination of health-care benefits American workers have come to expect. Mexico is in no way an equal trade partner. It is a debtor in billions of dollars.

*Patrick J. Geraughty  
Los Angeles*

## Friend Found

I have spent six years trying to locate a friend of mine who served with me in the 25th Inf. Div. in Vietnam. He has been on my mind many times since 1966. He drove me to the helicopter on my last day in country, and we planned to get together. I have called almost every town in his home state trying to locate him. Thank you for bringing my search to an end. His name was on the cover of your May issue.

I'm just home from Operation Desert Storm. I now have to put the things I left behind to rest.

*Claude Quick Jr.  
Belvidere, Vt.*

## Firing Line

The liberals continue to stalk the Second Amendment from a cravenly oblique angle. The anti-gun people realize it is difficult, if not impossible, to force the reinterpretation of the Second Amendment. So instead, they attack the flanks, pushing for more and more gun control laws.

It is almost inconceivable that liberals are stupid enough to believe that gun control laws will have any effect on people whose livelihoods depend on breaking laws.

The seven-day waiting period represents only a minor part of the anti-gun program which includes the perfidious argument that hunting and sport shooting are the only reasons for firearms ownership. The Second Amendment was intended to prevent the excessive and dangerous monopolization of armaments and power that leads to tyranny.

*Michael S. Jones  
Doraville, Ga.*

I am a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I am required to carry a handgun. I am just a law enforcement professional who is trying to make a difference, but I am alarmed that each year there are 2.5 million new handguns manufactured in the United States. Any one of which I might have to face, possibly in the hands of a criminal who might have stolen it from a law-abiding citizen.

Perhaps the time has come to clarify the Second Amendment. I would suggest its repeal and replacement with legislation banning private ownership of all handguns and all long guns except those which require the physical manipulation of a bolt device to load the weapon.

*James T. Maher  
Philadelphia*

## Proud Heritage

It was with astonishment, disgust and anger that I read "Hard Time for the Mafia," by Robert McGarvey (April). What purpose does a feature article like that have in the magazine when there are so many veteran-related issues available?

It seems incongruous that Italian-Americans have been laying down their lives for our country and are very conspicuous by their valor with Medal of Honor recipients from the Indian campaigns (Cpl. George Ferrari), to the Civil War (Pvt. Orlando E. Caruana) to World War I (Pvt. Michael Valente), to World War II (Pfc. Frank J. Petrarca), to Korea (Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio) and to Vietnam (Cpl. Frank R. Fratelenico). An article about any one of these heroes would have portrayed a much more true-to-life model of the typical American of Italian heritage.

*Peter R. Zuzolo  
National First Vice President  
Order Sons of Italy in America  
Washington, D.C.*

Shame on you. The article "Hard Time for the Mafia" (April) belongs in a supermarket rag with other irresponsible journalism. We should promote veterans' benefits and stick to educational information.

**W** Harry L. Billela  
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# A NEW FRONT OPENS FOR DESERT STORM VETERANS

**T**HE CAMPAIGN to drive Iraqi troops from Kuwait is now history and American GIs continue to return from that war-shattered region of the world. With each passing day and homecoming parade, the significance of what they did and what they risked begins to fade from many people's minds.

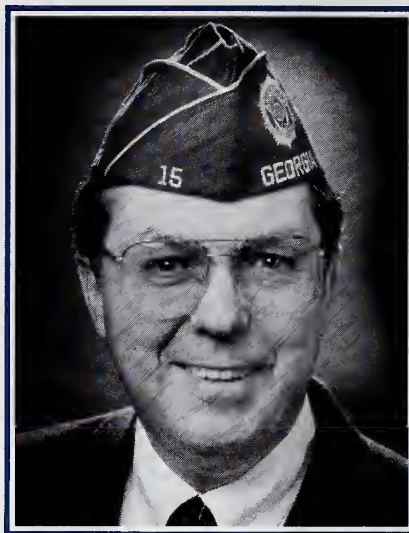
I am reminded of what a young Army trooper told a Legion journalist and photographer who were in Saudi Arabia during the ground war. "I just hope the people at home understand why we were sent and not be against us when we return," said Specialist Tyrone Hill, a Patriot missile team member from Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Persian Gulf War veterans deserve more than parades, pats on the backs and lofty speeches. Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam were able to readjust to civilian life by taking advantage of the benefits available for education under the GI Bill of Rights.

Desert Storm veterans should have the same opportunities that their fathers and grandfathers had. And that's why The American Legion is backing a new GI Bill—the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Readjustment Act of 1991 (see NEC story, page 38). This legislation is just as important as the landmark bill we created and had enacted into law in 1944 to aid World War II veterans in their readjustment.

But there's a mammoth difference in the benefits earned by Desert Storm troops and those earned by veterans of other eras. The latest generation of war veterans must pay for their benefits. The American Legion believes this is immoral and a lame attempt to break the fundamental contract the nation has made with its veterans in exchange for their service to America.

Currently, Desert Storm-era veterans



*Nat'l Cmdr. Robert S. Turner*

are only eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill. Under this plan, a serviceperson can contribute \$100 per month for 12 months and the government contributes a portion, and when the soldier enters college or a vocational school, he or she receives a monthly allotment of \$350. If the veteran does not use the educational benefit, it is forfeited.

**T**HE \$350 is only 42 percent of the national average tuition and monthly costs of attending a state-supported university. The money doesn't go very far if a veteran has a family to feed and a roof to put over their heads.

A veteran's dream of a better life becomes more of a dream and less of a reality because of the unrealistic so-called "benefit." Before that time, the amount was only \$300, until Congress recently saw fit to raise it \$50 as a token gesture.

Under the Legion's proposed GI Bill, which, at press time, was being considered for introduction on Capitol

Hill, a veteran's monthly education payment would be \$777, roughly 90 percent of the national average of tuition costs.

It cost about \$1 billion a day to conduct the war in the Persian Gulf. We estimate the entire cost of the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Act will be little more than that. Critics of our proposal no doubt will throw up their hands and ask us where the money will come from.

The American Legion is not a ways and means committee and it's not our responsibility to suggest how the funds will be raised, but it is our obligation to help set national priorities. Some members of Congress seem to be saying, "The war is over and now it's business as usual in veterans' benefits." We all know what business as usual has meant in the years preceding the Persian Gulf War: slashed funding and diminished benefits. That is the road some have begun to pave for Desert Storm veterans.

Our quest to steer the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Act of 1991 through Congress has only begun. I urge each of you to contact your House Representative and Senators, and urge them to support this much-needed legislation. It will be a tough battle, but we shall prevail.

We cannot close the books on the Persian Gulf War just because the shooting has stopped. We can ensure that those who served are treated with respect and given the same chance for a better life that their fathers and grandfathers received when they returned from war.

Specialist Hill's words remind us never to breach the faith between America and those who have served it in uniform. Veterans should not have to "buy" benefits on the installment plan. They gained them the old-fashioned way:

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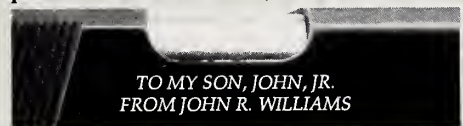
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# SHOULD CONGRESS REGULATE THE CABLE INDUSTRY?

**Sen. John Danforth, R-Missouri**

I recently introduced the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1991. This legislation renews a battle from the last Congress, when cable TV reform reached the final stages of consideration.

There is no mystery about the basic problem with the cable TV industry. It is that cable service is an unregulated monopoly in virtually every community. More than 50 million households pay monthly fees to the only cable system in town. There is no consumer choice, no competition, and no regulation, and the results are predictable: high prices and poor service.

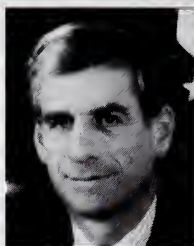
It is clear to me that Congress should take comprehensive steps to protect consumers. Under the Senate proposal, states and cities would have the option to regulate cable rates unless there is meaningful competition from a second cable system or other multi-channel service, such as cable via microwave. In other words, where there is competition, cable wouldn't be regulated by the government. Where there is no competition, states and communities would be able to exercise regulatory authority. What wouldn't be allowed is the present situation in which cable monopolies answer to no one but themselves.

Another issue is access to programming. Under the Senate bill, small cable operators, home satellite dish owners, "wireless" cable systems and others would be assured of reasonable access to cable programming. Programmers affiliated with big cable companies would be required to deal on reasonable terms with other distributors, in terms of price and other conditions. The purpose is to prevent cable companies from "locking up" popular programs, thereby suppressing competition.

Finally, the legislation requires the Federal Communications Commission to set minimum technical standards for cable quality, and requires cable systems to carry local broadcast signals. Where there is neither competition nor regulation, consumers pay the price.

The bill I am proposing establishes a preference for competition. Where competition doesn't exist, the legislation allows rate regulation. The Cable Television Consumer Protection Act is sound and reasonable legislation, and I hope to see it enacted by Congress. ☐

## YES



**Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas**

## NO



The cable industry, which was yesterday's golden child, seems to be today's whipping boy. At least some of the criticism directed at the cable industry is deserved: Subscriber fees have increased sharply in some areas, and service levels have not been, in some instances, what they should be. These and other factors have caused some cable subscribers to complain about excesses in the industry.

But some in Congress want to do more than criticize the cable industry; they want to punish and hobble it, preventing it from improving the excellent service it already provides to millions of Americans. If cable's critics in Congress succeed in imposing stringent new regulations on the industry, consumers will be worse off, not better off.

It's time to discuss the whole story. The fact is that the cable industry is one of our country's great success stories. In just over a decade, cable has changed the face of television. No government grants or subsidies catapulted cable to success. Entrepreneurs and risk-takers wired America, giving Americans a more diverse choice of entertainment, movies, sporting events, news programs, weather reports and specials to watch.

Improvements in the cable industry, many of them mandated by the Cable Act of 1984, have been noticeable in recent years. Cable now is available to more than 90 percent of America's television households, with 50 or more basic cable networks providing an array of programming options to television viewers. That programming is not only increasingly diverse, but it is better.

In a deregulated environment, cable programming expenditures have grown from \$360 million in 1984 to \$1.3 billion in 1990. The cable industry spent \$1 billion in 1990 and is projected to spend \$16.8 billion in this decade to upgrade plant and equipment. But excessive regulation could halt these improvements.

Consumers will not be better off if new laws bring about a \$2 decrease in their monthly cable bills and force cable companies to increase their rates by \$3 to comply with federal regulations. At an average of \$20 a month, basic cable television is still an exceptional bargain for the vast majority of Americans. Let's not kill the goose that laid the golden egg. ☐

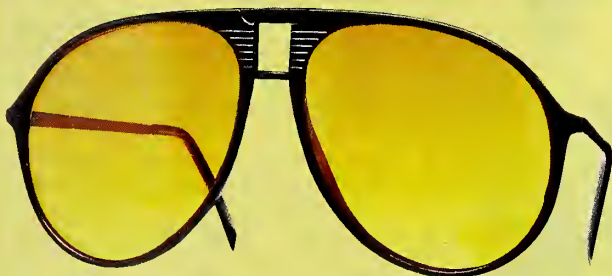
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# LEGION HELPS IN CANCER STUDY

*The Legion has long advocated more substantial research and studies about the health effects of veterans exposed to radiation in atomic testing.*

**D**ISPERSED pay and personnel records from World War II are complicating the search for veterans in connection with a radiation exposure study at the Hanford, Wash., Nuclear Reservation. The American Legion is assisting medical researchers from the Childhood Cancer Research Institute conducting a study of veterans who served at Hanford, a major site of the wartime "Manhattan Project."

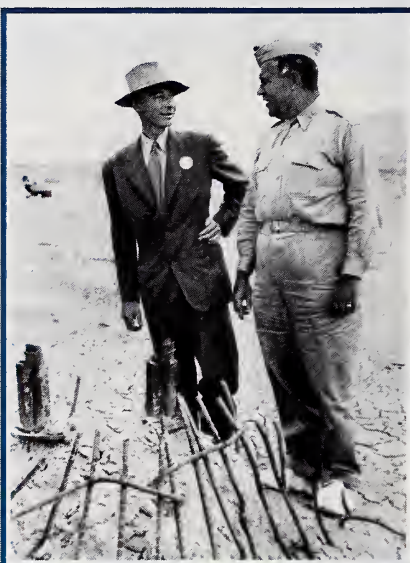
The institute's goal is to determine potential health damage from low-level radiation exposure among personnel who served at Hanford between 1943 and 1962; the current phase targets are those who worked at the plant during its early years, from 1943 through 1951. Exposure to radiation, even at low levels, can lead to cancer, birth defects and death.

The study, "Late Effects of Low-level Radiation: Military Personnel, Hanford Nuclear Reservation, 1943 to 1962," started in 1987, compares cancer rates of veterans exposed to low-level radiation releases at Hanford with mortality rates of veterans stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., who were not exposed to radiation.

"Our purpose is not to frighten those who served at Hanford, it is to carry out a very finely-tuned study which tells us if there is a reason for concern," said Dr. Wally Cummins, one of the principal investigators and director of the institute's regional office in Portland, Ore.

Researchers have located more than 20,000 veterans who served at Hanford

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from 1952 to 1962, and the next phase involves the search for a study group of veterans in the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the support units stationed at the plant between 1943 and 1952. The Legion-supported effort complements, but is not directly related to, a five-year, \$15 million study of the path followed by release of radiation from Hanford being conducted by the federal government. The Legion has long advocated more substantial research and follow-up studies about the health effects on radiation-exposed veterans.

The veterans who helped build and guard the Hanford Plant made a tangible contribution to victory over Japan. The plutonium used in the first

atomic bomb was refined at Hanford, making the plant and its personnel prime players in the greatest wartime scientific project of the 20th century. The "Manhattan Project" proceeded under the most stringent security measures the Armed Forces and scientific community could impose. The military, under orders of project director Gen. Leslie R. Groves, hid all traces of troops who served at Hanford by dispersing pay and personnel records among units throughout the United States.

"While this was a necessity in time of war, it has created a complex problem for our study," Cummins said.

Cummins knows there were men and women called up from the Reserves early in the war and assigned to the Manhattan District and the Seattle Division of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. They also are following up mention of a mysterious outfit, the 9812th Technical Services Unit, but now researchers have nothing more than a name. Corps of Engineer units were supported by ordnance, signal corps, medical corps, military police, Women's Army Corps, military intelligence division and the Army Air Force. The unit number designations of these support units are mysteries researchers must solve. Cummins said the study can't be completed without knowing the units.

"Once we know the unit names, we can go to the Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and get the original unit rosters," said Cummins. It is the same method staffers used to find personnel who served at the plant from 1952 to 1962. Once researchers compile the rosters all the troops' names and serial numbers will be collected and sent to VA, which can release available death certificates.

"Hopefully, we will not find a higher cancer rate for Hanford veterans, but we are taking no chances. If we do, then we will be able to see that affected veterans have the best chance of getting the medical screening and treatment they need," said Cummins.

Anyone who served at Hanford Nuclear Reservation from 1943 through 1951, or who knows someone who did, should contact Cummins at this toll-free number: (800) 626-0506; or mail the information to Dr. Wally Cummins, Director, Northwest Regional Office; Childhood Cancer Research Institute, 2933 NE 23rd Ave., Portland, OR 97212. □



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**T**HE Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 is the second major step taken by federal lawmakers to phase out non-service-connected veterans from the VA system," said Chester Stellar, chairman of The American Legion Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "The first step was allowing means testing to pass into law in 1985."

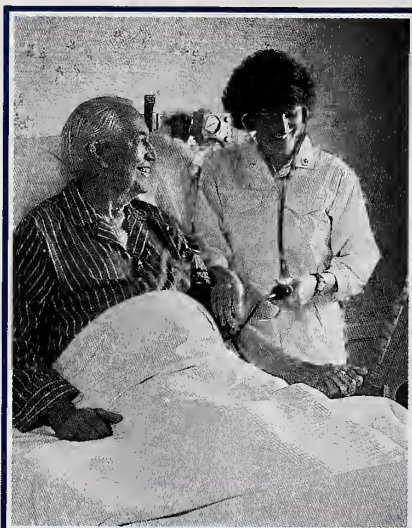
Stellar said The American Legion was the only veterans group to raise its voice before Congress and testify against means testing. While other veterans organizations believed means testing was something they could live with, the Legion was vehemently opposed because it saw it as the first move in a plan to dismantle the VA health-care system.

One of the most notable changes in the rules is the replacement of the A, B and C veterans' categories with two catch-all ratings: mandatory and discretionary. Hospital care at VA facilities *must* be provided for mandatory classed veterans.

A veteran rated as mandatory must be service-connected or have a personal income of less than \$18,171 per year, or a joint income of no more than \$21,806, with an additional \$1,213 allowed for each dependent. Nursing home facilities *may* be provided a mandatory-rated veteran if space and resources are available.

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The list of services VA *may* offer is far



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longer than those they must offer, and considerably more complicated. Veterans rated as discretionary are subject to means test copayments for nearly every treatment they receive from VA. In effect, the new VA guidelines now match Medicaid/Medicare benefits. For instance, a discretionary veteran hospitalized by VA will pay the Medicare/Medicaid deductible — currently \$628 — which is adjusted annually, for the first full 90 days of hospitalization.

**F**OR the second 90 days, the veteran is expected to pay one-half the deductible. Should the veteran require nursing home treatment, and should VA decide it has both space and resources available, the veteran will pay the full deductible for each 90-day period spent in the nursing facility.

Copayment does not end with the Medicare/Medicaid deductible. Discretionary veterans are also required to pay \$10 per day for every day spent in the hospital, and \$5 per day for every day spent receiving nursing home care. Should the veteran have private health

insurance, the VA is fully authorized to bill the carrier for the cost of treatment and care.

Outpatient care for discretionary veterans, for veterans with *service-connected* disabilities rated at 20 percent or less, and for mandatory veterans who earn more than the pension rate of veterans in need of regular aid and attendance *may* be offered by VA. However, these veterans will pay \$26 per visit for outpatient services and all veterans treated for non-service connected disabilities and veterans treated for non-service-connected disabilities who are rated less than 50 percent service-connected disabled will pay \$2 per prescription for supplies of 30 days or less.

"The reconciliation language was drawn up behind closed doors and presented to Congress almost blind," said John Vitikacs, resource development specialist with the Legion's VA & R Division in Washington, D.C. "Many, if not most, of the lawmakers on Capitol Hill voted on this without having any idea of what they were voting for or against."

Vitikacs warned of still more cuts in the future. "VA lost its discount with pharmaceutical companies," he said. "The estimated impact this fiscal year may be \$75 million and up to \$200 million next year. VA has indicated it will not seek an increase in funding for FY 1992."

"The present situation is very gloomy," said John Hanson, VA&R director. "However, the future promises to be even darker unless veterans wake up and start contacting their congressmen. The American Legion has testified time and again in Congress against means testing and cutbacks. We tell Congress we represent millions of veterans, but all they receive is a handful of letters."

"I think most lawmakers really believe in America's veterans," Vitikacs said. "Sometimes, they just have to be reminded." *By Ken Scharnberg* □



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# REINVENTING THE PENTAGON

*With the lessons of the Gulf War still fresh in mind, it's clear that military brass must abandon their interservice rivalries.*

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**NOW YOU SEE IT . . .** *The creation of a general military command could improve acquisitions of modern weapons systems.*

**By Jay C. Lowndes**

**W**AR with Iraq has proved to skeptics that a strong defense is just as important to the free world now as during the Cold War. Nothing could have been more convincing to television viewers than journalists saying on camera that Patriot missiles made them grateful to the Pentagon for knocking down Scud missiles. This was a startling admission for many reporters who, before going to the Middle East to cover the war, had been critical of the

*Jay C. Lowndes resides in Virginia, and is an expert in military affairs.*

Reagan defense buildup. This gratitude for the military is a refreshing change from incessant criticism that has contributed to keeping those in charge of this nation's defense at each other's throats for years. In addition, the new atmosphere may lead to ridding ourselves of the source of much rancor—interminable delays and spiraling costs synonymous with purchase of defense materiel.

One way to illustrate causes is to look at how the military reacts to the unexpected. In 1987, two missiles penetrated defenses during the Iran-Iraq war and struck the frigate *USS Stark*, killing 37 sailors. Of course, nobody would think to cashier the Chief of Naval Operations, in charge of U.S. warships all over the globe, for a snafu on a small ship in the Persian Gulf during somebody else's war. The

problem was the fuzzy chain of command between the service chief and the ship's captain.

The captain's orders came from the commander of Central Command. However, combat commanders carry little sway over what equipment they use, how their people are trained or who gets promoted. Policymakers in the services who do control such things through parallel channels worry more about procurement of hardware and political fallout from any action by U.S. forces. Consequently, rules of engagement tend to be overly restrictive, and in the case of the *Stark*, blaming the ship's equipment or the crew's training would have meant an uphill battle with the Navy.

As things turned out, the captain got the axe, probably for doing the best job anybody could have done with the equipment, training and rules handed him by higher ups.

The bureaucratic chain of command probably took root when the Army Air Corps amassed enough political clout during World War II to become the U.S. Air Force in 1947. Before that, the President had only two balls to juggle and did so through his Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Army and the Navy.

Keeping that third ball in the air proved tricky from the start. In 1948, the squabbling services conducted a peace conference to hammer out a treaty called the Key West Agreement, which established the missions each was to perform so no one would step on somebody else's turf. For example, the Air Force was assigned close air support of ground troops, and the Army was forbidden to operate aircraft. Somebody must have known how much consternation this sort of thing would cause, but why the Key West Agreement was allowed to stand is not hard to understand. Americans were wary of the military operating too smoothly while its finger was on the trigger of the atomic bomb. After all, our military and industry had no rival on earth. We could afford needless bureaucracy, or so we thought.

Distrustful of close air support by the Air Force, the Army began developing helicopters, a poor substitute for a tough mud fighter such as the A-10, but the best that ground troops could fly under the Key West Agreement. Rotorcraft saw action in Korea, and the first armed helicopter fought in Vietnam.

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Meanwhile, scandal after scandal arose from the confusion in military procurement; technology became increasingly complex; and civilians scrambled to get a handle on things. First, a Hoover commission grouped overlapping functions under assistant secretaries of defense. Next, Robert McNamara turned a bunch of business-school theorists loose on the Pentagon; then a commission on government procurement pushed for agreement on requirements at the start of a project; and finally the 1986 Packard Commission and subsequent Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act tried to give field commanders at least some say in how Pentagon money is spent.

Each round of reform added more layers of oversight, and the prominent commissions were just the tip of an iceberg. In between each one, hundreds of study teams fiddled with this procedure and tweaked that regulation, added this review board and beefed up that audit agency. Civilian overseers came to think they had to stick their noses into every nook and cranny at the Pentagon, second guessing decisions that military professionals train their whole lives to make. The situation reached the point where a dozen people could say "no" for every one who could say "yes," and managers spent most of their time briefing the "experts" looking over their shoulders.

Procurement grew inefficient. The Trident missile took 11 years to get into service compared to five for Polaris, and paperwork grew to more than half the cost of many weapons. A desperation move by the government was prosecution of people who got tripped up in the procurement snarl as criminals, and most defense contractors signed a code of ethical behavior. By July 1988, *Aviation Week & Space Technology* reported the FBI's "Ill Wind" fraud and bribery task force was investigating 39 of 46 contractors who signed the code.

Indictment after indictment followed and then, on the eve of the Persian Gulf War, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney stopped work on the Navy's latest attack aircraft because progress was too slow and costly. This largest contract termination in the history of the Pentagon tended to confirm earlier speculation that the Stealth fighter, the Tomahawk cruise missile, the M1A1 tank and the Patriot anti-missile missile could be the last new technology that

U.S. soldiers, sailors and airmen will ever see in the field.

It was a Twentieth Century Fund essay by William Gregory that quoted both military and industry sources two years ago as saying "the grossly overweight system is inching toward immobility." Gregory reported an "incipient revolt percolating in industry and the military over the way weapons acquisition has been overmanaged into a mess."

**T**HE AMOUNT of nitpicking that goes on in military affairs cannot be explained by business-as-usual, pork-barrel politics. Members of Congress can go on record as having tried to protect the interests of their constituents without the kind of feverish activity now known as Pentagon micromanagement.

The cause of such fever is a sense that no one is in charge of the military, and tracing ripples back through history leads to the Key West Agreement. Truly,

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one soldier cannot defend America alone, so division of labor is essential. But whether units roll on the ground, fly in the air or float on water has little to do with dividing global defense responsibility among several people.

Geography distinguishes discrete military operations one from another everywhere in the world. Maps work by points of the compass, by what direction the threats are coming from. Former President Dwight Eisenhower summarized the new strategic realities: "Separate ground, sea and air warfare is gone forever. If ever again we should be involved in war, we will fight it in all

elements, with all services, as one single concentrated effort." Technology is always changing and has become just one concern of many. On the other hand, geography stays put and comprises all military considerations.

Take a flat map, put the center of the compass on the center of our nation, and mark the circumference to divide the earth into six or eight slices, the size of each depending on the number of threats from a given direction. Next, put a person in charge of each slice who has the skills and knowledge to defend America from those threats. Then give this outfit—the name General Command has a nice ring to it—all the money available for defense and let them decide how to spend it. That way, if so much as a single shot gets through our defenses anywhere in the world, the command structure will leave no doubt about who at the top is to blame for what happened. Also, if members of the General Command cannot make timely decisions about such things as

which close-air-support aircraft to buy and stick to those decisions, the President can fire those commanders and let their seconds in command have a chance.

The Pentagon falls short in writing weapon-system requirements, not in executing them. As pictures coming back from the Persian Gulf show, our engineers and manufacturers are doing an admirable job under difficult circumstances where requirements are vague, always changing, and often less than realistic. None of this is surprising. Even though weapon-system design

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and the costs that result are nothing more than part of battle planning, commanders who make battle plans for the prospective theaters of war do not write their own hardware requirements. The services run so-called operational commands that try to write them.

What the services do well is worth preserving. Whether units roll on the ground, fly through the air or float on the water may not make sense for dividing responsibility at the top, but such things have much to do with training people and building hardware. The chiefs of staff run the best schools, labs and shops in the world. If a general command called the shots, the Army and the Navy could compete to see which service can build the best amphibious landing craft quickest and for the fewest dollars; or the Army and the Air Force on a close-air-support aircraft; or the Air Force and the Navy on the best carrier-based fighter bomber. Everybody does not have to build their own version of every missile, ship, aircraft and bomb.

Unanswered questions remain:

- Putting all operational units under joint command would disband operational commands now under branches of the service, such as the Tactical Air Command, which writes all weapon-system requirements. Members of the General Command would have to fill this vacuum by hashing out among themselves how they will meet various needs around the world within their budgets.

- Branches of the service now operate infrastructure such as hospitals and post exchanges at operational bases. Also, reams of testimony and debate in Congress since the Packard Commission have dealt with getting something called

"jointness" into curriculum taught to ranking officers, and success so far appears to be limited. Finally, operational support functions such as logistics, communications and intelligence use assets that roam all over the world, much like orbiting satellites. Another chief of staff reporting to the General Command could take over support functions, base infrastructure and flag officer schools, reducing the duplication of resources.

- Handling the transition to a General Command would be tricky because an adversary might attack while commanders-in-chief and their staff are getting used to writing budgets and doling out appropriations. Of course, subordinates can maintain readiness day to day. Besides, thanks to congressional gridlocks, the military makes do with last year's budget half the time anyway.

Questions remain, but the point is that professional military officers must answer them, not members of Congress. And the watchdogs might just back off when representatives and senators get to know people who clearly are in charge at the Pentagon. Any change for the better stands its best chance while the lessons of war are fresh in our minds and public attitudes are favorable enough that people can relax and give alternate ways to run the military a chance.

Success of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf may be misleading because, in wartime, everything shoehorns into something akin to a general-command structure where at least one field commander enjoys a modicum of authority. But as soon as peace breaks out, things knot into convolutions of business as usual.

Functionaries with jobs to protect in the offices of the service secretaries will tell you that commanders-in-chief are too busy making battle plans to worry about appropriations. This goes on even as weapon system requirements drive appropriations. The right people may just be getting the wrong training and need to get interested in everything vital to their mission.

Hardware salesmen say that since commanders are skeptical about new technology until proven and are comfortable with what they have, putting such people in charge would retard the advance of technology. But those who use the equipment must be convinced sooner or later, and convincing them sooner would assure realism and

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# GOD BLESS AMERICA

**A**N EMOTIONAL avalanche triggered by their successful mission to free Kuwait from Iraqi aggression has put the U.S. military at the center of an outpouring of national good feeling not seen since the end of World War II. The patriotic fervor swirling around America's welcome home for Desert Storm troops highlighted a continuing expression of joy and relief as soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen return home to loved ones. A veteran of a more distant war did not have the chance to welcome home this latest generation of comrades. Past National Commander and Legion founder Hamilton Fish Sr., died Jan. 18, just as the shooting began in the Persian Gulf War. The passing of Fish came as America was engaged in war to protect not only

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its strategic interests, but to uphold principles it has fought to safeguard for more than 210 years.

A legend among Legionnaires for his combative style and dogged loyalty to veterans' interests, Fish instinctively understood that Americans are at their best when they stand together as a bastion against tyranny. The former congressman once said, "If there is any country worth living in, any country worth defending, any country worth fighting for, or any country worth dying for, it is the United States of America... God Bless America!"

Like Fish, many Americans have spoken the words, "God Bless America," evoking the simple prayer given voice by an immigrant's son, Irving Berlin. The songwriter, who wrote and published 1,500 songs in his career, touched millions of Americans in an earlier generation threatened by war with the simple genius of his lyrics: *God Bless America, Land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her, thru the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies To the oceans, white with foam: God Bless America, My home sweet home God Bless America, My home sweet home.*

The song and the sentiments expressed have been part of the American scene since Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1938, when singer Kate Smith first sang *God Bless America* to a nationwide radio audience. Legionnaire Truscott Irby, 66, of Post 41, Baker City, Ore., recalls that in the early 1940s the song already was America's song.

"We learned the lyrics by heart and



## From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

sang the song at school assemblies," said Irby. "That song means a lot to me and it always will." Irby entered service in 1943 right out of high school and said the connection between religion and patriotism was a strong influence on Americans at war, and its message continues to be heard by a new generation of Americans.

"I think *God Bless America* is still popular because of the principles it represents," Irby said. "The religious message of the song is important, I mean that's what really grabs you. Even if you're not religious I think it gets to people without them realizing it. I think it becomes a part of them." The song and its sentiments seem to affect everyone that way, an irresistible appeal to our finest, most selfless emotions. Ask someone exactly what message the song carries that instills such strong emotion, and most often a pause will settle in before any words can be uttered.

When asked about *God Bless America*, however, John H. Pyle of Post 34, Cave Creek, Ariz., didn't skip a beat before replying, "To me, when I hear it I want to stand up at attention. I just love it when it comes on a television show or when a band plays *God Bless America*," said Pyle, 75, an Army Air Corps veteran. "It kind of wakes us up inside when we hear it."

Arizona Legionnaire John Marshall shares equally strong feelings about the song. "We used to hear it during the war quite a bit. Kate Smith was alive and well in those days and did a lot of war bond tours. What do I think when I hear the song? It all reverts to our founding fathers. We were founded on freedom of religion, going all the way back to the Puritans. I think that reflects what this

country is all about. Its message is very simple but direct."

As Marshall and other Legionnaires will attest, attend any Legion gathering at which *God Bless America* is performed and you will witness Legionnaires stand and clasp hands above their heads as they sing the familiar verse.

*God Bless America* has been a source of calm comfort to Americans since Kate Smith first sang it on her CBS radio program. Irving Berlin wrote the song in 1917 for a World War I Army musical, *Yip! Yip! Yaphank*, but it was dropped from the show's finale. When Berlin learned Kate Smith's manager was searching for a patriotic hymn for her to sing on her Armistice Day broadcast, the songwriter dusted off the old tune, made two changes in the lyrics and offered it to Smith. *God Bless America* sounded an upbeat note in a bleak world scene. Despite partial recovery, the Great Depression remained the overriding fact of life for millions of Americans; and in the fall of 1938, war clouds in Europe bred anxiety among Americans who feared the recently signed Munich Pact signaled the beginning of the end of world peace. They were right.


ALSO, it seemed fitting the song's composer was himself a refugee from political and religious persecution who understood the pitfalls and rewards of mixing in the great American "melting pot." Irving Berlin, who died in 1988 at the age of 101, was a Russian Jew whose first memory was lying on a blanket by the side of a Russian road watching his home burn to the ground. A victim of czarist repression, he immigrated to America with his family in 1893. In later years, Berlin wore his patriotism like a badge because he knew the United States was the last, best hope of people persecuted for their faith or political persuasions.

By late 1939 more than 400,000 copies of the sheet music had been sold. Earlier that year, on Memorial Day, *God Bless America* was played at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. As the notes wafted through the hushed stadium the baseball crowd rose and removed their caps, a salute normally confined to performance of the national anthem.

Both major political parties requested permission to use the song in promoting its candidates for 1940. Recognizing his creation was transcending the entertainment world and entering the political whirl, Berlin in February 1940 established a trust, the "God Bless America Fund," and directed all royal-

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ties be shared by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Three prominent citizens were designated to administer the trust: Theodore Roosevelt Jr.; Gene Tunney, the heavyweight boxer; and journalist Herbert Swope. Roosevelt, one of the founders of The American Legion, volunteered his good name for the cause; and the Boy and Girl Scouts have received an estimated \$250,000 in royalties, money which continues to be collected.

Difficult as it is to imagine today, *God Bless America* aroused immediate controversy from opposite poles of the political spectrum. Left-wing groups objected to what its critics labeled the song's overblown sentimentality and the songwriter's supposed disregard for the concept of separation of church and state. Conservatives like the Rev. Dr. Edgar Romig of New York City denounced the song as a "mawkish" substitute for religion. But as he repeatedly stated, Berlin's motives were rooted in patriotic feeling. In a recent biography of Berlin, author Laurence Bergreen recognizes the composer's true motivation in writing what has become to some observers the unofficial national anthem. "*God Bless America* revealed that patriotism was Irving Berlin's true religion. It evoked the same emotional response in him that conventional religious belief summoned in others; it was his rock."

Over the years, *God Bless America* has anchored Americans' faith in themselves through tumultuous economic and political times. The song's power to inspire Americans to positive action carried over to the sports arena. Philadelphia Flyers officials and team members assigned almost mystic powers to Kate Smith singing *God Bless America*. During the 1970s she sang the song at Flyers' home games, either in person or by recording, amassing an impressive winning percentage: In 66 games preceded by Smith's rendition, the hockey team won 55, lost nine and tied two.

The song's continuing relevance to Americans is apparent everywhere it is performed, from high school band concerts to the Philadelphia radio station which airs *God Bless America* every day at noon. Wherever the song is performed Americans stand a little straighter, their voices catching on the final line repeated twice to emphasize their gratitude for the privilege of living in a tolerant land millions are proud to call their "home sweet home." □



**Majestic Mt. Rainier towers over all.**



**Sweeping prairie sprawls throughout Nebraska.**



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# DELICATE PEACE

*Ravaged by a 10-year civil war, military corruption and rampant poverty, El Salvador continues to look for new solutions for old problems that threaten the nation's future.*

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HEN Alfredo Cristiani was sworn in as president of El Salvador in June 1989, he inherited a nation shattered by a 10-year civil war spawned by the communist umbrella group, Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN). Armed by the Soviets and supported by Fidel Castro's top guerrilla experts and once by the Sandinistas of Nicaragua, the FMLN's campaign has left tens of thousands of Salvadorans

dead in its quest to topple a popularly-elected government. But FMLN rebels are not the only ones linked to atrocities against the Salvadoran people—right-wing "death squads" and government troops frequently have been responsible for executions and torture.

Cristiani, a 1969 graduate of Georgetown University, continues to grapple with a broad agenda of reforms: strengthening the judicial system, expanding private land ownership, improving the economy, increasing educational opportunities, eliminating bureaucratic and military corruption, combating poverty and improving public health.

Cristiani addresses these topics and his hope for peace and stability in the following interview with *The American Legion Magazine*.

**American Legion Magazine:** The FMLN has once again invaded El Salvador. Do you foresee any lessening of their strength?

**President Cristiani:** I think their strength obviously is diminishing in respect to manpower. In their most recent offensive, they were not able to generate the same type of all-out attack they did in 1989. The main weakness that they have is that before the 1989 offensive, the FMLN believed that they could count on popular insurrection once they launched an all-out military offensive. They were shocked when they saw that the Salvadoran people were not supporting them and would not pick up the weapons they were offering, but

avoided them. They are definitely weaker now than before. I think that the armed forces are capable of withstanding and controlling the FMLN to a certain degree. We don't have all the necessary means to have a short-term military turnaround. The types of weapons that we now have and the manpower that the armed forces have are basically enough to keep the war in a low-intensity conflict.

**Q.** How many active members are in the FMLN?

**A.** Armed, I believe there are somewhere around 5,000 to 6,000. Unarmed it could be between 10,000 and 20,000. Their ex-partners, the political branch, separated from the FMLN, at least formally. They are now participating in the political process. They have not been able to gather much support. We have socialist, social Christian groups; we also have the communist party involved in there.

**Q.** Do you feel the FMLN wants peace other than on its own terms?

**A.** I think that short of total political power they would like to change things their way by blackmailing us at gunpoint. That's what this negotiation is all about. But we are speaking of principles that we cannot bend on. We have a constitution which we must abide by. We have clearly stated to them that we cannot go beyond our constitutional framework in these negotiations. Obviously, they would like to change the constitution and have one their own way. Because the country does not support the FMLN's violence they have little support among the people. If they want to survive as a group, they have to honestly take part in the peace process.

**Q.** Does the FMLN get as much support from various church groups in the United States and El Salvador as they once appeared to?





**PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI**

**'T**he people of El Salvador have chosen a democratic system, even though it may prolong the war.'

**A.** Some church workers give support, but I cannot say that the churches themselves are supporters of the FMLN or the Marxist-Leninist type of ideology. I believe that some church workers might go astray and turn out to be supporters of the FMLN. We've had such cases, but some churches do tend to help communities that are basically in support of the FMLN.

**Q.** Do you believe Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro's government has control of the army in Nicaragua?

**A.** At this point, I cannot be sure that she does. I think that the Sandinistas are now more divided than they were before. I think there might be some members of the Sandinista army who would like to become a government institution, but I still feel that they have some radicals who believe



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**GUARD—Armored vehicles protected citizens from FMLN threats on the eve of the 1989 national elections.**

that the Sandinista army should respond to the Sandinista Party, which is not to the benefit of the Chamorro government. Nevertheless, in these months that she's been in office, I think that she has more control now than before for various reasons. I still would not say, categorically, that she controls the Sandinista army.

**Q.** Two FMLN guerrillas implicated in the deaths of two U.S. soldiers, murdered when their helicopter was shot down by a surface-to-air missile, claim this was a "mercy killing" because the soldiers suffered extensive injuries. Would you comment on that?

**A.** I believe that is total nonsense. It is simply an excuse to get off the hook, so to speak. Unfortunately, the legal office of the Archbishop of San Salvador has responded favorably to that statement and somewhat supported it in later interviews that were made by the local press. I think it's incredible. Most of the weapons were provided by members of the Sandinista army in Nicaragua. Basically the main support is still coming from Castro in Cuba. It is obvious now that the missiles came from Nicaragua.

**Q.** Why do the peace talks keep breaking down between your government and the FMLN?

**A.** They have not been breaking down. That's not the correct assessment. The process is continuing. The main problem has been the speed with which it has been proceeding. The FMLN has been making sure that there's no agreement to issues that would speed the process, but rather making it slow down to a pace that made sure nothing would come about before the election last March. I still think there are groups within the FMLN that believe in the military

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# THE NUCLEAR COUNTRY CLUB

By Steve Salerno

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HEN U.S. and coalition air forces streaked into Iraq in the pre-dawn hours of Jan. 17, it was because Saddam Hussein refused to withdraw from Kuwait. Privately, however, Pentagon officials were grateful for the chance to take out Iraq's nuclear-weapons program, which some analysts feared was already capable of constructing at least one crude bomb. Analysts also believe Iraq was within three years of perfecting a delivery system.

Even more ominous was Saddam's history of using any weapon at his disposal. As Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu put it on *Nightline*, after Iraq's first volley of Scud missile attacks, "His willingness to strike civilian targets in this manner makes you realize the importance of dealing with such a man before he has nuclear capabilities."

Netanyahu's remarks hinted at a debate that has raged in international circles since the United States unveiled the first atomic weapon: What are the ways and means of nuclear proliferation? And what should be done about it?

For more than 20 years, the diplomatic basis of the world's attempts to control the spread of atomic weapons has been the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), drafted by the United States and the Soviets and signed July

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1, 1968. Under the terms of the NPT, the nuclear powers of the era—the two superpowers plus Britain, France and China—would pledge not to help non-nuclear nations become weapons-capable. The non-nuclear nations would pledge not to develop weapons, in exchange for aid in the peaceful uses of nuclear power.

The NPT got off to a bad start when France and China rejected the agreement. Pakistan, Algeria, India, Brazil, Argentina, Israel and South Africa also refused to sign, unhappy that the NPT effectively froze the worldwide balance of power as it stood in 1968, with five "haves" and the more numerous "have-nots." The authors of the NPT tried to address this situation through a treaty provision in which nations that already had nuclear capability promised to work toward total nuclear disarmament. But this hope has never materialized, and as the NPT faces expiration in 1995, serious doubts exist as to whether it will be renewed.

"There are groups of countries that perceive the NPT as an attempt by the superpowers to keep the goodies to

themselves," said Mike Mazaar, assistant director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Included in this category are NPT's 108 Third World signatories, about 75 percent of the total. Mazaar said developing countries cannot understand why they should accept second-class military status while the United States and the Soviet Union continue to deploy increasingly sophisticated and deadly weapons systems. Since the treaty was inked, superpower nuclear stockpiles have swelled by as much as five-fold, he said.

It is equally hard for security-minded nations to overlook the fact that proliferation has occurred, despite the treaty. Varying degrees of nuclear capability are known to exist in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, South Africa, Sweden and Switzerland.

Longstanding regional tensions have played the largest role in undermining the treaty. Consider the case of Pakistan and arch-nemesis India. Experts suspect that India has stockpiled more than 100 Hiroshima-sized nuclear weapons. Not to be outdone, Pakistan has embarked on one of the world's most aggressive nuclear programs, which already may have yielded dozens of warheads. The gravity of such a situation is obvious.

Meanwhile, in the Mideast, Israel's flaunting of its nuclear muscle leaves Arab nations feeling understandably edgy. Militant states like Iraq and Libya long have asked why they should even agree to a ban on chemical weapons while Israel steadfastly rejects the NPT. Arab leaders are no less dismayed by Tel Aviv's determination to prevent others in the region from becoming nuclear-capable, as evidenced in Israel's 1981 bombing of Iraq's nuclear





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**DEATH STAR—Five nuclear powers dominate the globe, but the race is on among Third World nations.**

installation at Osirak.

Such regional problems have a ripple effect. NATO members, after all, are within easy striking distance of the Mideast, and want to assure themselves of a deterrent. As one Pentagon source noted, "It seems clear that if strategic nuclear systems became widespread in the Mideast, the nations of Europe would almost have to deploy a credible counterforce."

A relatively new factor in proliferation is the military destabilization sure to result from the Soviet Union's lessening domination of Eastern Europe. Countries that once counted on Moscow for protection now find themselves planning for their own defenses. And if the United States eventually responds through a smaller NATO presence, the nations of Western Europe will feel additional pressure to bolster their strategic resources.

The easiest method of proliferation is

a deal between two NPT non-signatories. Argentina recently sold what was billed as a "research reactor" to the Algerians. During the 1970s, France sold Pakistan blueprints for a reprocessing plant that salvages plutonium from spent fuel, an increasingly common and worrisome means of obtaining weapons-grade nuclear material. Indeed, France has sometimes seemed bent on singlehandedly subverting the NPT. France played a key role in Israel's emergence as a nuclear force; has supplied key technical assistance to Pakistan; has sold reactors to South Africa; has provided ballistic technology to several nations; and was the agent for the 27 pounds of enriched uranium sold to Iraq that so troubled U.S. military experts before the Gulf War. Sen. John Glenn of Ohio has warned that France's cavalier attitude may produce a "global free-for-all in nuclear technology."

Ironically, not all of the treaty's problems can be traced to NPT outsiders. "Even those who signed the treaty are not always committed, and will find a

clandestine way around it," said Mazaar, citing Iraq as a conspicuous example.

Nor has the United States itself been blameless. Cynics wonder how Israel managed to acquire so much American nuclear know-how. NASA has also put Brazil well on its way in building a ballistic missile. Brazil is just one of many Third World nations perfecting delivery systems while waiting for its warhead programs to mature. Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts complained last year that America has foolishly compromised its own security by providing China with access to nuclear secrets and then watched in horror as Beijing sells "advanced ballistic missile technology to the highest bidder."

Perhaps the ultimate irony: One study counted 700 separate sales of American high-tech munitions-related products to Iraq in the past five years alone. Incredibly, some orders were still being filled as war broke out in January.

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**I**F YOU were asked to select the one person who did the most last year to promote peace in our conflict-ridden world, would you have picked Mikhail Gorbachev?

The five members of the Nobel Peace Committee, based in Oslo, Norway, named the president of the Soviet Union the 1990 recipient of the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize—often referred to as “the greatest honor one can receive in this world.” Their basic reason: his decisive contributions toward ending the Cold War and allowing the East European countries to become free and independent again.

While no one objected to the committee’s grand reason, many did believe the committee ignored other Gorbachev policies. The Baltic states wanted to know what Gorbachev had done to free them.

Afghan freedom fighters asserted that Gorbachev continued to wage war against their nation and urged him to use the prize money, \$720,000, to clear the mine fields Soviet troops had sown across their land.

Soviet democracy advocates claimed the Cold War had moved from abroad to inside the Soviet Union, with Gorbachev and his KGB and military backers turning the clock back on human rights and civil liberties for the Soviets.

Despite the dissonance, the award ceremony went on as scheduled late in 1990 behind protective police cordons in the vast, mural-adorned assembly room of the Oslo City Hall.

The trouble was, the star of the show failed to appear. Gorbachev pleaded the press of business back home, where he was struggling to keep the Soviet Empire from disintegrating. His first deputy foreign minister appeared in his place.

The mood for this normally upbeat occasion was strictly subdued, and not only because of Gorbachev’s absence. Assembled Norwegians felt the committee awarded the peace prize prematurely. Vast changes had occurred under *glasnost*, yet ultimate Kremlin intentions remain as much an enigma as ever. Especially disturbing were revelations

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# THE NOBLEST PRIZE



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*Peace means more than just the absence of war; it's also the absence of suppression. The Nobel Peace Prize may not always consider the latter criterion.*

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**By James N. and Inger Krogh Sites**

published just before the ceremony that KGB spy activity is increasing in Western countries and that the bloated Soviet defense budget, which already has bankrupted the economy, would be boosted next year by 3 percent—while Western nations are reducing defense spending.

**A**T THE same time, the final chapter is far from written on Gorbachev’s own performance on behalf of peace, whether within the Soviet Union or without. A crackdown on separatist movements within the restive Soviet republics appeared inevitable, including the possible imposition of martial law.

Has the Nobel Institute made a colossal blunder—again? Many wondered.

Perhaps the best approach in such foggy circumstances was suggested by an Oslo 9 year old, who was quoted in Norway’s leading newspaper *Aftenposten*, as proposing that Gorbachev receive half a peace prize, meaning half now and the other half after he has proved himself further to be a real man of peace.

Controversy is nothing new to those

at the Nobel Institute who run this event and who already are working their way through nominations for the 1991 selection. Their decision will be announced in October, and the prize awarded Dec. 10—that is scheduled to be a special occasion celebrating the Nobel Prize’s 90th anniversary.

Will another explosion as intense as Alfred Nobel’s dynamite take place then? No one is betting against it. Yet, as Nobel Institute Director Geir Lundestad puts it, “The peace prize is not given because of a recipient’s popularity, but because of his effectiveness in promoting peace.”

There are those who question, however, whether many of the past awards even did that. In 1973 Henry Kissinger and North Vietnam’s Le Duc Tho were honored for arranging a ceasefire in Vietnam. The agreement soon fell apart with disastrous consequences. Le Duc Tho turned down his award, and Kissinger, after trying and failing to return his, turned over his winnings to help orphans of Vietnam veterans.

Even though it miscarried, this award is still cited by Nobel officials as revealing their hope to stimulate the peace





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**WINGS OF PEACE**—Many believe the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded each year in Oslo, is the "greatest honor one can receive in this world."

process in a conflict situation.

Thus, the peace prize is basically intended not so much as a reward for past achievement as an inducement to do more to secure peace in the future.

This is why Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin were honored in 1978, in hopes their peace prizes would lead to further steps to pacify embittered Arab-Israeli relations. While most people applauded Sadat's selection, objections were heard shortly after Israel invaded southern Lebanon, with many

demanding Begin's award be rescinded. All to no effect, because the aggressively independent committee, whose deliberations take place in secrecy, has always refused to alter its decisions.

Still another uproar, this time in the United States, greeted the 1987 selection of Oscar Arias Sanchez of Costa Rica, which came in the middle of the Reagan administration's fight with Congress over aid to the Contras. Would the Arias Central American

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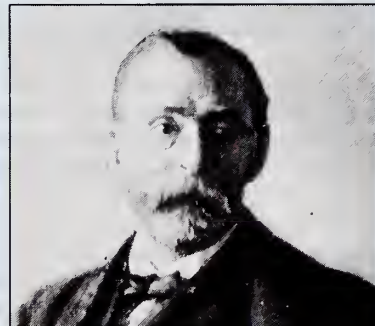
## Who Was Alfred Nobel?

**N**OBEL was an extraordinary inventor—something of a Swedish Thomas Edison.

Born in Stockholm in 1833, he moved with his family at 9 to Russia, where he studied chemistry and began a life-long process of intensive self-education. From 16 on, he traveled widely, including to America. He lived in Germany, France and Italy, becoming fluent in several languages. Wherever he went, he worked on developments in his favorite field—explosives. He invented dynamite in 1866 and eventually obtained 355 patents on inventions in many areas. He also displayed an unusual flair for business, establishing about 90 factories and companies on five continents to commercially develop his inventions.

Nobel's absorbing interest in science is reflected today in the Nobel Prizes for chemistry, physics and medicine. Yet, he also loved literature and was considered an accomplished writer, especially in English—thus the Nobel Prize for achievement in literature. The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics was established by the Bank of Sweden in 1968.

The most famous Nobel prize, the peace prize, sprang from Nobel's fear that if mankind did not find a way to end wars, it would "fall back into barbarism." Ironically, two devastating world wars this century were made all the more devastating by Nobel's inventions. Nobel died in 1896, leaving an enduring monument to man's quest for peace.



Alfred Nobel

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**U**S Centers for Disease Control (CDC) a federal health agency that investigates diseases and their cause or does it operate with another agenda? Residents in communities affected by toxic waste sites have been asking this question for years. Now military personnel, veterans, researchers and others involved in the American Legion's Vietnam Veterans Study are asking the same question.

CDC is responsible for evaluating health problems in communities affected by toxic chemicals. In 1986, a new branch of CDC was formed to investigate health problems at the worst toxic waste sites in the United States, the so-called "Superfund" sites, which were selected because they pose the greatest threats to public health. This new branch of CDC is called the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

CDC/ATSDR has been in hundreds of communities across the country, but you could count on one hand the number of communities that were happy with its studies. With few exceptions, CDC/ATSDR has failed to find any health problems in any communities they have studied. The communities visited by CDC/ATSDR include some of the worst toxic waste sites in the United States, places such as Love Canal in Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Times Beach, Mo.

CDC/ATSDR's inability to identify health problems in contaminated communities might be overlooked had sound scientific methods been used to evaluate potential health problems, but this has not been the case. Instead, CDC/ATSDR has gone into communities and consistently asked the wrong questions, used inappropriate comparison groups, diluted its studies of exposed populations with unexposed populations, eliminated exposed people from their study design and used other ill-conceived scientific methods that led to the conclusion that there were no health problems in a community. In short, any health problems that existed could never have been determined by the poor scientific methods used by the agency.

For example, in Triana, Ala., residents had high levels of DDT in their

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# QUESTIONABLE RESEARCH

*The Centers for Disease Control approach in studying areas where dioxins and other chemicals have been used leads many to question the agenda of the agency.*

**By Stephen U. Lester**

blood. Since DDT is now banned in the United States, the residents of Triana wanted to know if their health was affected by exposure to the pesticide. CDC designed a study, however, that focused on DDT distribution in the body and not on health problems the residents were having. Clyde Foster, the town's mayor, was so upset that he urged residents not to participate in CDC's study. According to Foster, the study might "enable CDC to publish another paper on DDT that may be of interest to scientists, but it will be of little or no benefit to the [residents of] Triana."

**C**ONSULTANTS working for the town said that CDC was biased and didn't believe the levels of DDT found in the residents could cause "significant adverse effects." In other words, CDC dismissed the health concerns in the community because they simply did not believe there were any health problems. The residents reacted by refusing to cooperate with CDC until the study was changed to reflect their needs.

The residents at Love Canal had similar problems with the agency. Love Canal is the most notorious and controversial toxic waste site in the country. When CDC came in to evaluate the

health problems, once again the study design was structured such that its researchers asked all the wrong questions. CDC wanted to give residents standard physical exams and to distribute a psychological questionnaire. The community was insulted and fought hard to get them to change the study to include their health concerns.

CDC eventually agreed to revise the study, but in the end, the study was never done. CDC claimed it ran out of money. The residents felt that the real reason the study was abandoned was not lack of money but because the revised study design was sound scientifically and might reveal something was wrong at Love Canal.

At Times Beach, Mo., CDC evaluated health problems in residents exposed to dioxin-contaminated waste oil spread on local roadways. The study was flawed because CDC used an inappropriate comparison group, another contaminated site in Missouri, and compared the health of this group of people to that of the residents living in Times Beach. CDC also decided only to use 82 out of 800 people who completed the health questionnaire. When people complained that they were cut out of the study, CDC said that they did this because they were too sick. Many





**T**OGETHER, communities and veterans can discover if their health has been affected by exposure to toxic chemicals.

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County, Tenn. and Maryville, Ariz. also failed to find any links between chemical exposures and health problems in the exposed communities.

Even when CDC/ATSDR finds health problems in a study, it finds ways to dismiss the results. In Yukon, Pa., CDC/ATSDR reviewed the state's health study of residents exposed to chemicals from five huge waste treatment facility lagoons. The data from the health study showed increases in problems of the respiratory system, the urinary tract, the muscular skeletal and the cardiovascular systems, skin rashes and all cancers except skin cancer. And yet, CDC/ATSDR refused to acknowledge any increased health problems. CDC said the community was "biased" because the people were too sensitive about their health problems.

Why does CDC respond the way they do to health problems in communities?

There is probably no simple answer to this question. One reason may be that CDC/ATSDR is hampered by a conflict of interest. If the agency finds a problem, something will have to be done to alleviate it. There are currently over 1,200 Superfund sites and more than 30,000 other toxic waste sites in the United States. Whatever is done will cost the federal government and the responsible corporations millions of

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**TOXIC TROOPS**—In 1986, a new CDC branch was formed to investigate dangerous toxic waste sites.

of those who were dropped from the study suffered from chloracne, a skin disease associated with dioxin. Not surprisingly, CDC did not find any health problems in Times Beach.

At Lake Dalecarlia, Ind., a health study conducted by a local newspaper found an increased incidence of several types of cancer, including Hodgkin's Disease in men. CDC evaluated the

study and dismissed all the cancer effects except for Hodgkin's Disease. CDC researchers did this by comparing cancer rates in Lake Dalecarlia, a rural community, to urban cancer rates, which is inappropriate because urban cancer rates are 50 percent higher than rural rates. CDC also failed to adjust its results for age, eliminated certain types of cancers from the exposure group and expanded the base population to include people who weren't exposed.

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# Seasons Of Our ECONOMY

By Gordon Williams

**E**VERYTHING that happens in our economy is crucial to how we earn, spend, save and invest our money. That's especially true today, with the economy struggling to break out of recession. Yet most of us think of the economy as so vast and complicated that only a trained economist can understand it.

Our economy *is* vast, and it *is* complicated, but you don't have to be an economist to understand it. You only have to know a few basic rules, and watch a few easy-to-follow indicators.

Things don't happen by chance in the economy. There are patterns—cycles—that are played out over and over again. When we fell into recession late in 1990, it was the 31st recession since the government began keeping records in 1857. The recovery from that recession will be the 31st recovery.

No two recessions and no two recoveries are alike. The recession of 1980 was over in four months. The Great Depression lasted 12 years. The recovery that began in 1982 lasted eight years.

But the economic forces that make for recessions and recoveries don't change. If you know what those economic forces are, you'll know ahead of time when recession and recovery are on the way. To understand how the economy works, think of the seasons of the year.

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*Our economic system has cyclical ups and downs. If you recognize the signs, it's possible to forecast what's around the corner.*

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Start with Winter. In economic terms, that's what a recession is. Growth has stopped, jobs are scarce, incomes are down, and we're all dug in against hard times. But prices are down and so are interest rates, and bargains abound. For those with jobs, it's a fine time to buy and borrow. Gradually, that buying and borrowing breathes new life into the economy—and now it is economic Spring.

**T**HE economy is reviving, new businesses start and new jobs appear. Yet growth still is so slow that prices and interest rates stay low. But the more we grab those bargains, the more the economy speeds up. That brings us to economic Summer.

Now the economy is back in high gear. We all have jobs and demand for everything is so strong that inflation and interest rates pick up. We want even more than our incomes will allow, so everyone—businesses and consumers alike—borrows more. Soon we are deep in debt. That—combined with inflation and high interest rates—starts to pinch. Now it's economic Autumn.

We can't afford the high prices. Even if we weren't in debt, we couldn't borrow more at those high interest rates. Businesses stop growing. People are laid off, and incomes quit growing. Soon the economy isn't growing, but shrinking. Now we're back in economic Winter—with one economic cycle behind us.

The process doesn't happen by itself. The federal government plays a crucial role as the biggest spender (President Bush proposes a \$1.4 trillion budget in 1992). The Federal Reserve plays a crucial role by deciding how much money to put into the economy, and setting the interest rate borrowers should pay.

General Motors, IBM and the other businesses in America decide how many people to employ and how much to pay them—and whether to build a new plant in Peoria or in Pakistan.

Consumers play the most crucial role, because we spend two of every three dollars circulating in the economy. We decide which businesses will survive and which will not. As long as we spend, the economy thrives, as it did from 1982 until 1990. When we cut spending, as we did in 1990, recession is inevitable.

That's how the economy works in broad terms. We can follow it in detail, because not only is it the biggest economy in the world, but also the most closely watched. Not a day goes by that we don't get another report about the economy from the government, from private industry and from scholarly groups.

Basically, there are two kinds of reports: indicators that tell how the economy is here-and-now, and indi-

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## SPRING

*New businesses start and new jobs appear. Yet growth is so slow that prices and interest rates stay low.*



## SUMMER

*Demand for everything is strong, and inflation and interest rates pick up. Everyone borrows more.*



## AUTUMN

*High prices and high interest rates. Businesses and incomes stop growing. The economy shrinks.*



## WINTER

*Growth has stopped, jobs are scarce, incomes are down and so are interest rates.*



# HOW WELL DO YOU THINK?

It's more than thought that counts. You have your own style in how you make decisions—and you can improve their outcomes.

**By Robert M. Bramson**



**M**OST of us don't spend much time thinking about how we think, but scientists have accumulated impressive evidence that people really do think about things in different ways. More important, the differences largely account for both the decisions we make, and for the irritation and resentment we often feel toward others when they refuse to see things the way any "sensible person" should.

Once you know what to look for, you can see the results of these differences all around you. For example, picture your good friends Roger and Ted preparing for a weekend high-country fishing trip. Roger carefully plans each day, consulting topographic maps and measuring the miles between camping spots. He reviews weather reports, and

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prepares checklists for food, medical supplies and fishing tackle before he packs clothes and camping gear.

Ted, on the other hand, simply sets out an empty box into which he tosses trip related items. On the big day, he grabs the box, a sleeping bag and any obviously missing essentials, filches an ancient road map from the glove com-

partment of his car, and is on his way. Ted doesn't worry much about whether he's forgotten anything, because he knows that somehow he'll make do regardless of the situation.

Both Roger and Ted wanted to have an enjoyable weekend, but they had different ideas about what was important and what was not, and they met



those needs in quite different ways. Like each of us, they had developed a style of thinking that, for both better and worse, colored everything they did. When we saw how fundamental these differences were to individual and group effectiveness we developed a framework for measuring and understanding the varied ways that people approach and solve problems. From our 10 years of studying work groups and individuals, one conclusion is plain: If you know something of the strengths and liabilities of your own predominant thinking styles you can make the best use of your own mental resources. Further, if you are aware of the way they fit—or misfit—those of the people with whom you live and work, you can avoid unwittingly rubbing them the wrong way.

The following quiz, excerpted from the Inquiry Mode Questionnaire (InQ)—should give you a rough idea of which of the five basic thinking styles best describe your own preferred ways of approaching problems.

**Y**OUR highest totals indicate which of the five thinking styles you tend to use the most: Synthesist, Idealist, Pragmatist, Analyst and Realist. As you read through the following characterizations, keep in mind that people are really a mixture of styles, most showing a little bit of each in addition to the dominant style. That is why you may see some of yourself in every category, even though one or two seem to fit you best.

**Synthesist.** Synthesist thinkers are creative, stimulating people who often drive others wild. For them, life is contradictory and full of opposites, there is always another way to look at any truth, and every fact has an equal and opposite fact. It's not surprising, then, that they relish disagreement and happily argue about anything. Synthesists' thoughts seldom follow a straight and logical line, bouncing from one thought to another in a way that sometimes leaves their listeners feeling lost.

Their creativity comes from a penchant for deep thinking, for searching out and then endlessly discussing the basic and essential elements in any situation. Their problem, though Synthesists never think of it as a problem, is that in their search for deep, philosophical meaning they often ignore those concrete realities that are so important to everyone else.

**Idealist.** Idealist thinkers, on the other hand, pursue agreement by

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## YOUR STYLE OF THINKING

**DIRECTIONS:** Each item in this questionnaire is made up of a statement followed by five possible endings. In the box to the right of each ending, fill in the number 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1, indicating the degree to which an ending is most like you (5), or least like you (1). Do not use any number more than once for any group of five endings. Each ending must be ranked 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1:

**A. GENERALLY SPEAKING, I ABSORB NEW IDEAS BEST BY:**

1. Contrasting them to other ideas
2. Understanding how they are similar to familiar ideas
3. Relating them to current or future activities
4. Concentration and careful analysis
5. Applying them to concrete situations

**B. WHEN I READ A REPORT, I AM LIKELY TO PAY THE MOST ATTENTION TO:**

1. Whether or not the recommendations can be accomplished
2. The validity of the findings, backed up by data
3. The relation of the conclusions to my own experience
4. The writer's understanding of goals and objectives
5. The inferences that are drawn from the data

**C. WHEN THERE IS CONFLICT OVER IDEAS, I TEND TO FAVOR THE SIDE THAT:**

1. Identifies and tries to bring out the conflict
2. Best expresses the values and ideals involved
3. Best reflects my personal opinions and experience
4. Approaches the situation with the most logic and consistency
5. Expresses the argument most forcefully and concisely

**D. IF I WERE TO BE TESTED OR EXAMINED, I WOULD PREFER:**

1. An objective, problem-oriented set of questions on the subject
2. A written report covering background, theory and method
3. An informal report on how I have applied what I have learned
4. An oral-visual presentation covering what I know
5. A debate with others who are also being tested

**E. WHEN SOMEONE MAKES A RECOMMENDATION TO ME, I PREFER THAT HE OR SHE:**

1. Take into account the drawbacks as well as the benefits
2. Show how the recommendation will support overall goals
3. Show clearly what benefits will be realized
4. Back up the recommendation with data and a plan
5. Show how the recommendation can be implemented

**F. WHEN I FIRST APPROACH A TECHNICAL PROBLEM, I AM MOST LIKELY TO:**

1. Look for ways that others might have solved it
2. Try to find the best procedure for solving it
3. Look for ways to get the problem solved quickly
4. Try to relate it to a broader problem or theory
5. Think of a number of opposing ways to solve it

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(IMPORTANT NOTE: This is an excerpt from the InQ questionnaire. It is not meant to be an accurate measurement of your Thinking Style, but an approximation for discussion purposes only.)

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**T**he American Legion has blasted the U.S. government's plans to provide \$1 million in aid to the government of Vietnam.

"Cloaking the \$1 million package as humanitarian aid is a disguise and a monetary inducement for Hanoi to provide information about the fates of American servicemen who still are listed as missing in action in Vietnam," said National Commander Robert S. Turner.

Turner's comments came on the heels of a White House announcement of its plans to make available to the Vietnamese government \$1 million to be used for prosthetic devices for Vietnamese people who were injured during the war.

"Regardless of how this 'gift' is packaged, it appears the U.S. government is paying ransom for information that should be available from Hanoi," Turner said. The aid proposal was made one week after the United States and Vietnam agreed to open an office in Hanoi to gather information about American MIAs.

The Legion has a long-standing resolution which opposes any proposal that the United States give diplomatic recognition or financial aid to Vietnam as a means to obtain information on MIAs and POWs who did not return.

"We cannot, as a nation, break the faith with Vietnam veterans and their families," Turner said. "I can assure you the Legion will not abandon them."

Of particular concern to the Legion is that there is no guarantee that children and veterans of the South Vietnamese Army would benefit from the aid package. "In fact," Turner said, "we don't have the evidence the aid will benefit any Vietnamese directly without being siphoned off by the government to help for its other wars in Southeast Asia."

**A**larmed by budget woes within the National Cemetery System (NCS), American Legion officials are seeking an additional appropriation to keep the system afloat for Fiscal Year 1992.

"The American Legion is alarmed by the operational deficiencies which currently exist," said Frank C. Buxton, deputy director of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, in testimony before the House subcommittee on Housing and Memorial Affairs. "In our view, the administration of NCS programs has never been more capable. Still, those individuals responsible for day-to-day NCS operations only can be as efficient and effective as resources permit."

The Legion believes that the proposed FY 1992 budget for the NCS will be short between \$15 million and \$20 million, and 179 full-time equivalent employees. The NCS provides burial plots for veterans and other eligible beneficiaries. If the funding shortfall is not corrected, maintenance of grave sites would suffer and burials could be limited to only certain days in a week.

Buxton cited a number of national cemeteries and problems they were experiencing because of current funding levels. "In a time of constrained federal resources, we know

some budget sacrifices must be made," he said. "However, providing a no-growth budget, with a proposed reduction of 37 full-time workers for a system which already has funding problems, is unsupportable."

"The American Legion believes that veterans have made enough sacrifices already and that the federal government is responsible for providing proper perpetual care in a noble manner."

The Legion believes a separate appropriation for NCS would give Congress stricter control over all funds allocated for national cemeteries.

**V**eterans who were in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor are eligible to receive a new congressional medal commemorating the 50th anniversary of the "day of infamy."

Members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the War Department or Navy Department who were wounded are eligible for the award, and so are the next of kin of those who were killed. The order of preference for next of kin is: widow, eldest child, other children in order of birth, father, mother, eldest brother/sister, grandchildren in order of birth, or eldest nephew/niece.

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**L**inking cost-of-living allowances (COLAs) for veterans disability compensation and pensions to the annual consumer price index may hurt other vital programs for veterans, a Legion spokesman testified on Capitol Hill.

At press time, Congress was considering an administration proposal that would tie COLAs to the rate of inflation, a plan the Legion has opposed for years.

"We maintain the belief that any such change would not be in the best interests of veterans," said Philip Wilkerson, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, appearing before the House subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance. "Legislative hearings on proposed COLAs provide an important forum at which other compensation-related issues may be reviewed."

Wilkerson also addressed the Legion's support of H.R. 1046, the Veterans Compensation Rate Amendments of 1991, which would increase monthly disability rates for veterans after Dec. 1, 1991.

"The Legion traditionally has supported annual adjustments in both compensation and Dependents Indemnity Compensation," Wilkerson said. "The adjustments help deserving veterans in meeting the high costs of goods and services."



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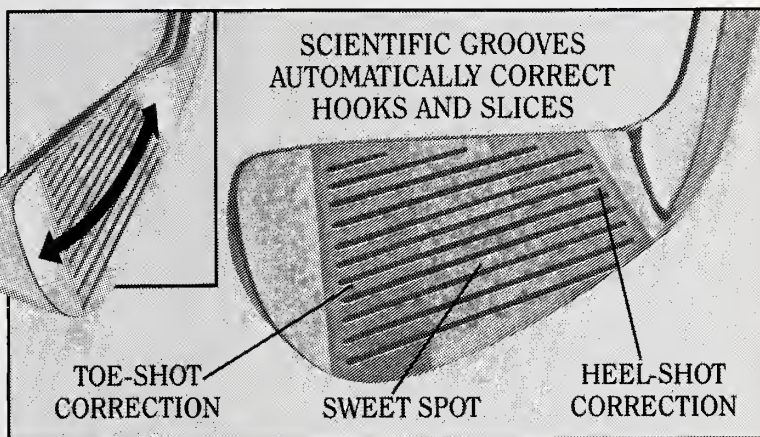
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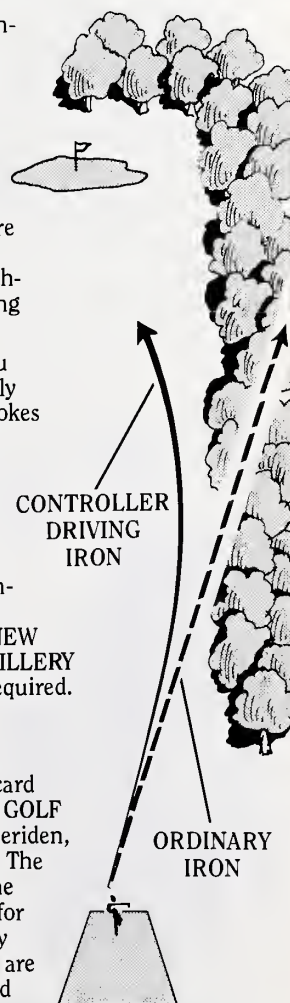
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**O**N JUNE 1944, The American Legion made history when the GI Bill of Rights was enacted to help returning WWII veterans. The Legion will again present legislation to Congress to help America's most recent combat veterans, the Persian Gulf War veterans.

While some veterans' benefits have kept pace with the economy, the educational benefits offered by the Montgomery GI Bill fall far short, Legion officials said. This was one of the issues facing the National Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, May 1-2.

Educational benefits were raised recently from \$300 per month to \$350 per month by Congress. "This figure represents just 42 percent of the average monthly cost of attending a state-owned college," said Chester Stellar, chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "Resolution 7, the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Readjustment Act of 1991, calls for \$777 per month, which is more in line with what veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam received."

During a news conference after the close of the 1991 Spring Meeting, a reporter asked National Commander Robert S. Turner why the Legion was pressing for even wider educational benefits for Desert Storm veterans. Turner said a congressman had asked him the same question, referring to a \$50 raise in benefits under the Mont-

## LEGION PUSHES FOR

# DESERT STORM

## GI BILL

*It's 'immoral' that Persian Gulf veterans should pay for their post-service education. The Legion believes they should not have to pay for what they earned on the battlefield.*

gomery GI Bill as a "token" of a grateful nation's appreciation. "What if our Desert Storm veterans had given only token service to their country?" Turner replied.

In February, a ballot-by-mail was sent to NECmen and a vote was taken on a proposed resolution to open ranks for the second time in less than a year. At the National Convention in Phoenix in August, delegates will once again vote on a proposal to allow veterans who served at least one day of active duty between Aug. 2, 1990 and the end of hostilities to become eligible for Legion membership. If adopted by the delegates, the proposal will be sent to Congress which must approve eligibility dates for Legion membership. The bill is then sent to the President.

"This opens a new pool of 2.4 million active duty veterans and reservists, all of whom are potential candidates for Legion membership," said William O. Moore Jr., chairman of National Security Commission.

A number of issues vital to Legion interests arose during the Spring Meeting. Charles Pessio, chairman of the Legislative Commission, said the Legion's quest for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag was progressing.

"Ten states have passed memorial resolutions seeking a narrowly written

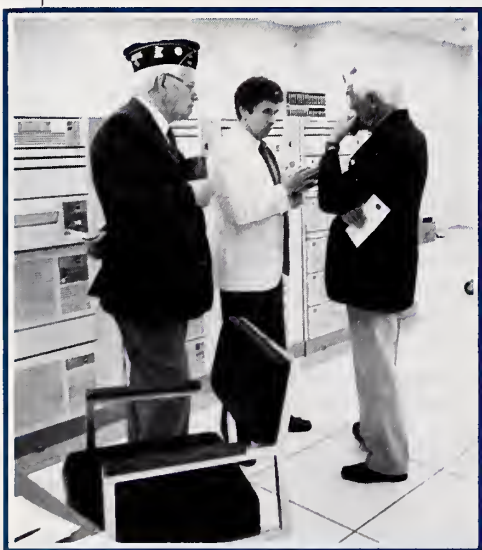
amendment to the Constitution to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration," Pessio said, adding the fight was only beginning and asking NEC members to return to their Departments and continue urging their state legislatures to pass similar legislation. This has been a Legion goal since the Texas vs. Johnson decision by the Supreme Court in 1989.

PNC Judge Daniel F. Foley addressed the NEC on the importance of Law Day, May 1. He pointed out how the Legion traditionally has supported programs that promote law and order.

That the Legion holds on to old-fashioned American values does not mean the organization is not progressive, and nothing illustrated that progress more than the expansion taking place at National Headquarters.

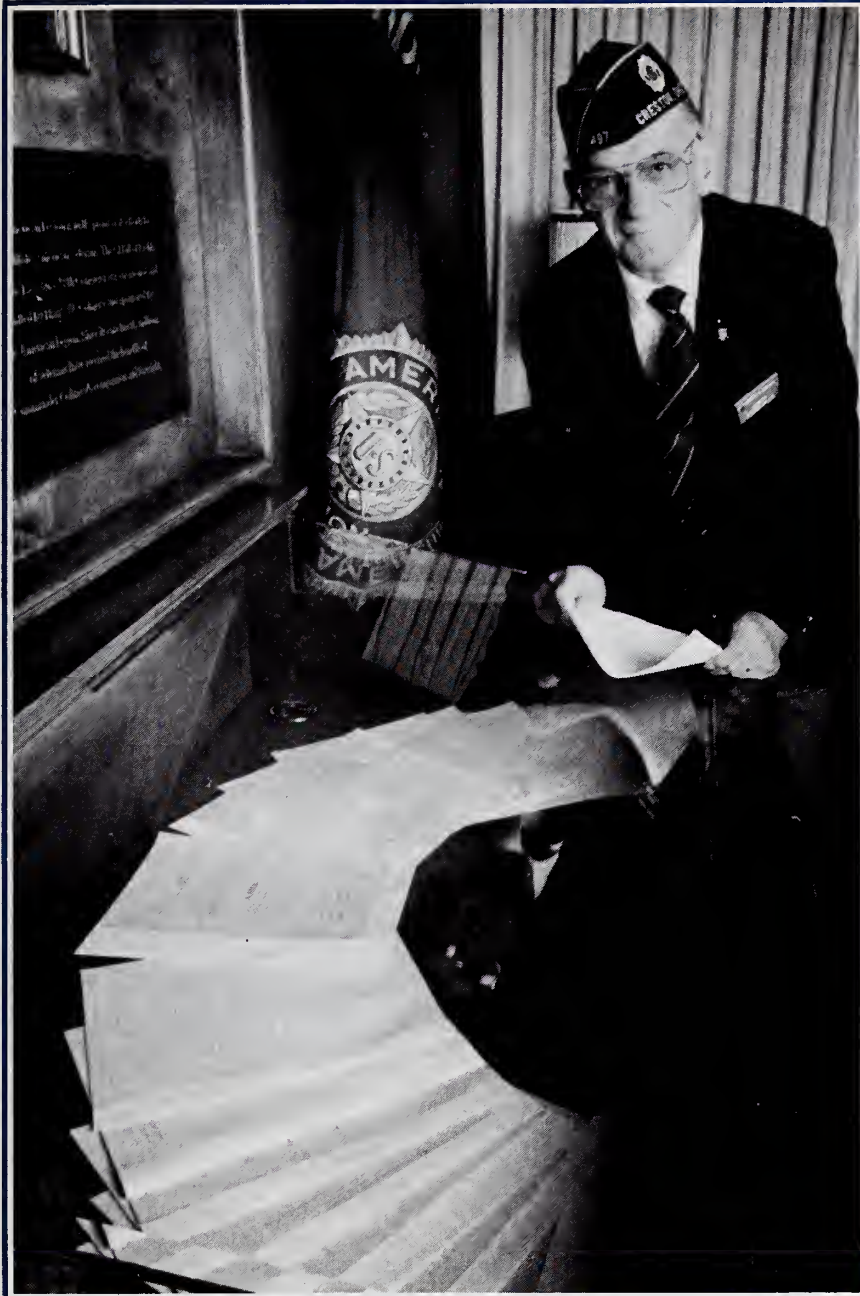
"We started out in 1986 with a deliberate, well-thought-out plan. We of The American Legion are good students of history, and we know how to apply it to the future," Turner said at dedication ceremonies of the new computer and marketing site in northern Indianapolis. "We are clearly focused on the future and possess the skills and technology to accomplish our goals today and well into the 21st century."

Forty-one resolutions were passed during the Spring Meeting. The policy resolutions included:



**ON LINE**—Gary Garver explains to Ronald Murphy and Roger Rasmussen the Legion's new computer system.





**IN WRITING—VA&R Commission Chairman Stellar stands next to the draft of the Legion-written GI Bill of 1944. The Legion seeks a similar bill for Gulf War veterans.**

## What's In The Bill

**T**HE Desert Storm Servicepersons' Readjustment Act of 1991 was adopted unanimously by the National Executive Committee. Currently, single veterans can expect to collect a maximum of \$350 per month to further their education, yet studies show that the average cost of attending a state college is more than twice that amount.

"All we want is parity for the veterans of the Persian Gulf War," said Chester Stellar, chairman of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "We believe they should have benefits equal to those of their fathers and grandfathers."

At press time, the Legion was planning to submit the new GI Bill to Congress in mid-May. If Congress were to approve the Legion's version, changes from the current system would include:

- a new category of education benefits for Persian Gulf veterans.
- raising current monthly benefits to \$777 for 36 to 45 months for a single veteran.
- providing these benefits to all members on duty for at least 90 days after Aug. 2, 1990, and to all activated National Guard and Reservists.
- raising the level to \$777 for former servicemembers who participate in the Montgomery GI Bill and exempt all peacetime veterans from the requirement of contributing to the fund after Aug. 1, 1990.

**Res. 1 (N.D.):** Support open enrollment for eligible service-connected veterans for special disabled veterans insurance.

**Res. 2 (Neb.):** Sponsor amendment to Title 18, USC, to provide special housing grants to disabled veterans with anatomical loss or loss of the use of both hands.

**Res. 3 (Comm):** Urge government-sponsored research and development to find beneficial use for high-level radioactive waste.

**Res. 4 (Pa.):** Urge restoration of benefits for remarried spouses and children when marriage is terminated by divorce, annulment or death.

**Res. 5 (Pa.):** Urge elimination of \$2 co-payment for 30-day supply of outpatient medication.

**Res. 6 (Pa.):** Urge restoration of headstone and grave marker allowance.

**Res. 7 (Comm):** Sponsor the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Readjustment Act of 1991.

**Res. 8 (Comm):** Support amendment to Title

38, USC, for more equal partnership between state and federal government for veterans' homes.

**Res. 9 (Pa.):** Urge restoration of presumption of total and permanent disability for veterans at age 65.

**Res. 10 (Pa.):** Urge restoration of compensation for non-hospitalized incompetent veterans with no dependents.

**Res. 11 (Pa.):** Urge restoration of vocational rehabilitation training for service-connected disabled veterans rated at 10 percent or more.

**Res. 12 (Minn.):** Urge additional funding for Vet Centers to extend counseling services to all wartime veterans.

**Res. 13 (Iowa):** Urge uniform disability rating policy to accept objective findings of clinical psychologists for rating neuropsychiatric claims.

**Res. 14 (Comm):** Urge tax credits for employers that maintained salaries and benefits

for employees activated by Desert Shield/Storm.

**Res. 19 (Comm):** Urge participation with Kellogg Company and Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation to fund The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Grants dealing with childhood blindness.

**Res. 21 (Comm):** Urge preservation of U.S. defense capabilities through continued funding of research and development and acquisition.

**Res. 22 (Comm):** Urge adequate funding to maintain sufficient strategic and conventional levels for the defense of the United States.

**Res. 34 (Texas):** Amend U.S. Flag Code to allow flags too large to fly freely to be carried.

The complete list of resolutions may be obtained by writing the Archives, American Legion National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.



# THE ORANGE WHITEWASH

**V**IETNAM veteran Louis Havard of Zavalla, Texas, couldn't leap from his sickbed Feb. 6 in celebration of the day President George Bush signed into law the Agent Orange Act of 1991. Only 41, Havard finds himself considerably less agile these days than during the years he spent shuttling supplies to Army fire bases in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

Havard's legacy of service to his country includes fatty tumors throughout his body and diseases of his spleen, liver, kidneys and intestines, and he has been unable to work the past 10 years because of his health. He has followed the congressional Agent Orange fight and seems less than impressed with this latest "definitive" Agent Orange law.

"That bill is a whitewash, trying to cover their butts. It makes me madder than hell at what happened to me and other vets," Havard said. "When we went to 'Nam we did our part and now these turkeys are trying to cover up this mess. If 10,000 people are telling you your nose is falling off, don't you think you should look in the mirror?"

"Anyone who takes a hard look at the Agent Orange Act of 1991 can say, charitably, that it's at least an attempt to rectify two decades of neglect in dealing with Vietnam veterans who suffer health problems from being sprayed by Agent Orange," said Chester F. Stellar, Chairman of The American Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "But there are some observers who followed the legislation's progress through Congress during the past two years who aren't as charitable in their conclusions."

The Agent Orange Act of 1991, which came out of the controversy on Capitol Hill, was a reminder to the government

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## THE AGENT ORANGE ACT OF 1991 IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT IT'S LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM DEALING WITH AGENT ORANGE VET- ERANS' MALADIES.

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of its past failures in dealing with the Agent Orange issue. It caused bitter dissension among veterans groups, whose opponents attempted to use a carrot-and-stick gambit to divide them along generation lines.

The American Legion favored a comprehensive bill that held studies of health effects from exposure to Agent Orange to the same scientific scrutiny as the 54 medical conditions VA considers service connected. Despite passage of similar bills by both the House and Senate, no Agent Orange related legislation survived the waning days of the 101st Congress last October. But by late January, compromise measures breezed through both chambers; the House on Jan. 29 approving H.R. 556 by a vote of 412-0, and the Senate unanimously passing a companion measure, S. 238, on Jan. 30, 1991.

Beneath the appearance of bipartisan unity lay months of complex political maneuvering and parliamentary obstruction. "The new law is not a victory for Vietnam veterans by any stretch of the

imagination," said Richard Christian, Deputy Director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division and the Legion's consultant on Agent Orange.

Christian's verdict: "It's an empty bill. All this falls short of addressing the issue of compensating vets for all diseases connected with exposure to Agent Orange."

Much consideration also was given to the composition of the independent scientific panel Congress would mandate to conduct a comprehensive review of all evidence pertaining to herbicide exposure and certain diseases in humans.

Also considered were conclusions reached by The American Legion and Columbia University scientific study on Agent Orange. Legionnaires in Washington worked 18 months on a bill, H.R. 3004, sponsored by House Veterans Affairs Committee member Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois. Incorporating The American Legion-Columbia University Vietnam Veterans Study and other scientific findings, the bill originally included 20 diseases researchers believed carried a positive link to Agent Orange, warranting permanent presumption of service-connected disability.

By the time H.R. 3004 passed through committee and was considered by the full House, opponents had whittled that list to five diseases. The bill finally was passed by the House last October under the title H.R. 5326, the Veterans Compensation Amendments of 1990, and codified presumption of service connection for just two rare cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft-tissue sarcoma, and chloracne, a skin disorder.

Senate lawmakers who helped pass two Agent Orange compensation bills in 1989 fought to break the legislative logjam, preventing passage of a meaningful Agent Orange law in 1990, but





**REP. LANE EVANS** of Illinois believes that Agent Orange studies would be more objective if placed in the hands of the National Academy of Sciences.



**SEN. THOMAS DASCHLE** of South Dakota said veterans' groups were not to blame for the last year's delayed COLA; rather, a minority bent on stopping Agent Orange legislation.

they found their opponents equal in throwing roadblocks in their path. "The opposition did everything it could to block an Agent Orange bill from passing in the 101st Congress," Christian said.

A summary of sections in the compromise bill enacted by the 102nd Congress in February reveals the Agent Orange Act of 1991 falls short in living up to its grandiose title:

- The new law codifies the statutory presumption of service connection granted May 18, 1990, by VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, soft-tissue sarcoma (with four exceptions) and chloracne.

- The law also recognizes VA's dismal research record by requiring Derwinski to contract with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct a comprehensive review of all available clinical and scientific data on herbicide exposure and ionizing radiation. Specifically, NAS must determine if a statistical

association exists between exposure to herbicides and certain diseases.

Congress has directed NAS to complete the review of all available Agent Orange literature of the diseases the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) couldn't handle in a \$43 million study, which ended in 1987, after CDC claimed it could not be completed for lack of accurate spray records and troop locations.

- Among the evidence available for NAS review will be the findings of the Agent Orange Scientific Task Force, which in an April 1990 report associated dioxin in Agent Orange to at least 20 diseases.

The National Academy of Science's first report must be submitted to VA by August 1992, and it must report to the VA secretary at least every two years for the next decade. Derwinski and his successors will make future determinations of service-connected disability

based upon NAS recommendations. The secretary has 60 days to review evidence submitted by NAS and four subsequent months to issue final regulations for any disease granted service connection.

- In addition, the Agent Orange Act authorizes taking blood and tissue research samples from veterans who served in Vietnam and for storing these samples, subject to recommendations Derwinski receives from NAS.

- The act extends eligibility for priority VA care to Agent Orange veterans through 1993 (2000 in the original House bill) and allows the VA secretary in consultation with the NAS to initiate additional scientific research into health hazards from herbicides. The last section eliminates the Veterans Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards' role in reviewing scientific evidence about dioxins. This section is an admission by Congress, which created the committee in 1985, that the advisory



board bungled the job assigned its members to objectively evaluate all available data (see "A Disturbing Bias," THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, August 1990).

The political fallout surrounding controversy over Agent Orange surfaced in the Senate as early as July 19, 1990, after the Veterans Affairs Committee, by a vote of 6-4, included Agent Orange provisions as part of an omnibus veterans bill. The omnibus bill included a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the 2.2 million service-connected disabled veterans and the 911,000 survivors of veterans whose deaths were service connected.

The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Amendments of 1990 also contained more than 80 additional sections important to veterans, including housing, pensions, veterans compensation, rehabilitation, employment, insurance programs and VA health-care services. But opposition from two senators determined to eliminate the Agent Orange provisions prevented the bill from being considered on the Senate floor.

On Oct. 13, members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee voted to attach the Agent Orange provisions to their own version of a COLA bill, H.R. 5326, which later cleared the House chamber. Agent Orange became the focus of emotionally charged debate during the next two weeks as Congress conducted marathon sessions to complete its busy agenda before the adjournment deadline.

Opponents successfully thwarted Senate consideration of the omnibus bill; an attempt to dump the Agent Orange provisions and pass a "clean" COLA bill in the House was shot down by Rep. Ted Weiss, a New York congressman whose subcommittee had investigated CDC's failures (see, "Agent Orange Cover-Up," THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, December 1990).

As debate escalated, South Dakota Sen. Thomas Daschle noticed friction beginning to develop between certain veterans groups, whose members were told the fight to compensate Vietnam veterans for Agent Orange was costing other disabled veterans their cost-of-living adjustment. It was a classic divide-and-conquer strategy.

"The COLA was held hostage, not by veterans' advocates, but by a tiny minority who were intent on stopping Agent Orange at all costs, even after it had overwhelmingly passed both the House and Senate," Daschle said.

"Obstruction of the COLA bill—which already had the Agent Orange provisions in it—was their last-ditch parliamentary effort to kill Agent Orange. Unfortunately, their strategy worked and the COLA went down with it."

Incredibly, the Congress adjourned last year without enacting legislation passed by both chambers. The House failed to act on either Senate-passed bills that included Agent Orange compensation while Senators hostile to the effort blocked both the House-passed Agent Orange bill, H.R. 5326, and their own omnibus bill that carried Agent Orange provisions.

Lawmakers such as Daschle don't buy the bogus argument that Agent Orange cost veterans their COLA. "Some tried to pit Agent Orange veterans against other veterans; they tried to

**T**HE new law is not a victory for Vietnam veterans by any stretch of the imagination.

create a 'haves versus the have-nots' situation. As for the delay in the COLA, some have tried to blame The American Legion, me and other veterans' advocates. That's just not a credible story, and anyone who understands what really happened last October knows that. Only those who blocked the COLA bill can take responsibility for delaying it; it's really that simple."

Supporters of the 1990 Agent Orange bill knew opponents' attempt to exploit the generation gap only could serve as a breakwater strategy—and possibly backfire. Congress prepared for a new session amid the threat of war in the Persian Gulf. Federal lawmakers were confronted with the prospect that the nation's newest generation of veterans had to cope with the threat of chemical and biological warfare.

When Daschle introduced S. 238 for passage on Jan. 30 he stressed the importance of keeping the NAS free of the type of political taint that engulfed CDC and ruined its credibility. He made

it equally plain that Vietnam veterans ask no more than the same sort of fair assessment of illnesses granted recipients of benefits for 54 ailments VA considers service connected.

"The opponents argued that the bill stacked the deck in favor of the veteran," Daschle said. "What we insisted upon was that the veteran be given the benefit of any reasonable doubt when it comes to compensation, and that Vietnam veterans be held to the same compensation standards as other veterans."

Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois believes the NAS holds a "reputation for independence" that should keep the agency free of the sort of political meddling that tainted prior scientific studies. "I think the one problem we may confront in mandating compliance with this legislation is making sure the government carries out its duties," he said.

Still, the Agent Orange Act of 1991 must be viewed from a perspective not of what was gained but what was lost. The three diseases codified in law as service connected—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, soft-tissue sarcoma and chloracne—already had been granted service-connected status by Derwinski's decision a year before. As to the crucial role NAS will play in recommending further grants of service connection based upon its review of scientific literature, the NAS's association with CDC encourages skepticism.

Christian recalls that in 1986 the NAS-affiliated Institute of Medicine was paid \$2 million by CDC to oversee its Agent Orange study. Though NAS was ultimately critical of CDC's findings, it found no fault with CDC research methods other knowledgeable scientific groups dismissed as inconclusive and biased.

Christian and other Legionnaires know the Agent Orange Act is another step and not journey's end. Aside from legislative concerns, at press time government attorneys were preparing a reply to documents filed by an American Legion legal team last February for its lawsuit seeking completion of the Agent Orange epidemiological study dropped by CDC in 1987. Unanswered questions nag at Legion leaders. "If there's nothing harmful from exposure to Agent Orange, why can't a definitive study be done? We must keep the spotlight on the National Academy of Sciences," said Christian. "Every time they issue a report The American Legion Scientific Task Force will evaluate the results to keep score."

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# FREEDOM'S SYMPHONY

*A Polish patriot showed his pride and appreciation for the Legion and veterans by a generous contribution.*

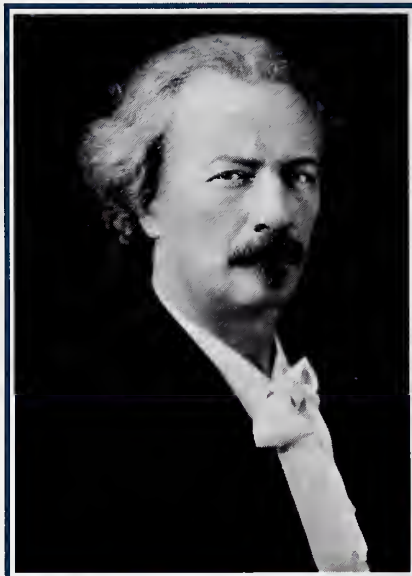
**I**N THE symphony of Poland's history, Ignace Jan Paderewski, the first prime minister of Poland and a concert pianist, played the chords of freedom. Even before World War I, Paderewski longed for Poland's freedom, and Paderewski often recognized America's wartime veterans for their efforts to free his homeland.

With the careful hands of an expert pianist, Paderewski helped guide Poland's future, and after his death in 1941, he became a symbol of the quest for a free Poland, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered Paderewski's body to be placed in Arlington National Cemetery until it could be interred in a free Poland. Since Roosevelt's order, Paderewski's remains have been kept in the housing of the mast of the *Maine*.

Paderewski became a vigilant friend of American wartime veterans, and frequently thanked them for their sacrifices for Poland, and as part of his gratitude, Paderewski became the largest-ever donor to The American Legion Endowment Fund. Recognizing Paderewski's friendship and dedication to freedom, the Legion awarded him the organization's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal.

Paderewski's quest for Polish freedom began when he was born in 1860 in a Poland carved between Russia, Prussia and Austria.

Paderewski grew up an ardent Polish nationalist, and after the WWI armistice, he became the first premier of Poland and used his own money to help rebuild his country. During the post-WWI



Ignace Paderewski

political negotiations, Paderewski represented Poland at the Versailles treaty negotiations, and persuaded President Woodrow Wilson to include an independent Poland among the "14 Points" for a peaceful world after World War I.

**T**IRED of politics and wanting to resume his concert pianist career, Paderewski toured America in 1925 and vowed to donate the proceeds to The American Legion Endowment Fund. But the concert tour stopped after Paderewski played New York, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Boston because he became ill. Despite the shortened tour, Paderewski raised \$28,500 for the endowment fund to become the largest single donor in the

fund's history. Through the efforts of Paderewski and others, the fund reached its initial goal and continues today to care for disabled American veterans and war orphans.

During an emotional ceremony in Paderewski's hotel room where he lay sick from influenza on May 10, 1926, National Commander John R. McQuigg presented Paderewski with the Distinguished Service Medal. "Your excellency," McQuigg told Paderewski that day, "we have come here today to express appreciation. Yours has been a life of service and service is the lode star of The American Legion."

Although Paderewski faded from politics after World War I, he again rallied for his country after Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Named president of the national council of the Polish government-in-exile, Paderewski recruited Polish immigrants in America to serve in the Free Poland military forces and raised money for allied military hospitals in Britain.

Paderewski didn't live to see a post-World War II Poland. He died in June 1941, and at his funeral, the Legion again saluted him with an honor guard around his bier.

Since his death, Paderewski's body has rested in Arlington. But, at his family's request, and symbolically appropriate, Paderewski's heart remains in America at niche No. 25, Aisle G, C.H. Abbey section 15, Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

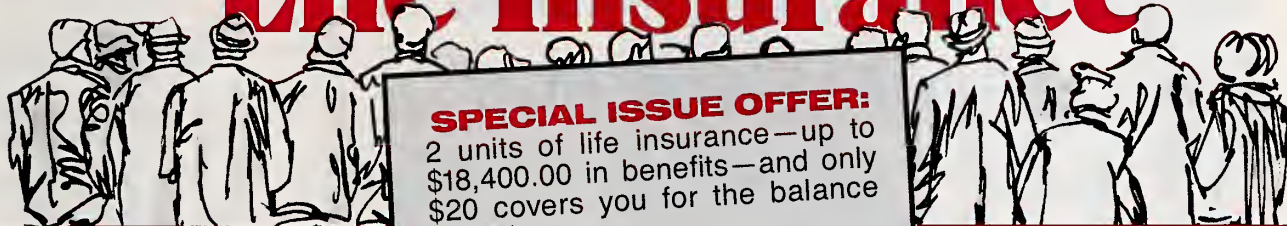
Throughout the years, Paderewski's friendship to veterans and his gift to The American Legion Endowment Fund have not been forgotten.

On the 40th anniversary of Paderewski's death, on June 29, 1981 in accordance with Res. 177 passed at the 1980 National Convention, American Legion National Commander Michael J. Kogutek, who is of Polish descent, placed a commemorative plaque in Paderewski's honor at the base of the housing of the mast of the *Maine*.

Paderewski didn't live to see the crescendo of the symphony of Poland's freedom, when Lech Walesa became the first popularly elected president of Poland in the country's 1,000 year history. Walesa visited Washington, D.C., and Paderewski's remains in March, and at press time, plans were being made to bring Paderewski's body to Poland in June for final burial in a free Poland. □



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## Kuwaiti Ambassador Thanks Community For Celebration

**K**UWAIT'S Ambassador to the United States Saud Nasir Al Sabah has thanked Charlotte, N.C.-area residents, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members for their Freedom Celebration, conducted March 10 to celebrate the liberation of Kuwait. Freedom Celebration chairwomen Deb Furguson and Johnnie Maria Shoemaker, a Post

321 of Huntsville, N.C., Auxiliary member, organized the event, which also welcomed home U.S. troops.

In a letter, the Kuwaiti Ambassador said: "It is indeed a time to celebrate not only the freedom of my country, Kuwait, but for all the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who voluntarily risked their lives to liberate Kuwait and to free all peace-loving nations from the barbaric brutality

and devastation that was caused by this dictator, Saddam Hussein, and his henchmen.

"I would like to express my deepest appreciation on behalf of my government and my countrymen for the overwhelming support that you have shown in your community, as well as, all of the American people throughout your wonderful country, in supporting the Desert Storm Operation which was su-

perbly carried out under the excellent leadership of the superior and well-qualified commanding officers of all the Coalition involved, under the leadership of Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Colin Powell, and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the Allied forces in the Gulf.

"We all deeply grieve for the families who have lost loved ones in the Desert Storm Operation, but who will always be remembered for their heroism and bravery in fighting for the just causes and principles that all peace-loving nations believe and cherish so much."

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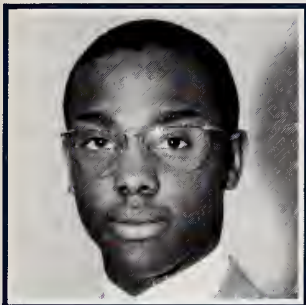
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**FLAG PRESENTATION**—The Department of Minnesota presented U.S. and Minnesota flag sets to the 16 judges on the state's Court of Appeals to recognize Past National Commander Daniel F. Foley, one of the court's original six judges, for his contribution to The American Legion and the court. In addition to Chief Judge Donald Wosnial (upper left) and Judge Foley, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Peter Popovich attended the presentation. National Executive Committeeman Donald R. Schroedl (left front) conducted the presentation, and Department of Minnesota Commander James W. LeTexier (right front) and Department Adjutant Chuck Ferguson posted the colors.



## Oratorical Champ Sweet On America



Jack L. White II

**T**HIS past April, at the 54th National High School Oratorical Contest, the winner, Jack L. White II, 17, of Walnut, Calif., told the audience and judges at the Boise, Idaho, finals "How Sweet It Is! To Be An American."

White, sponsored by Walnut Valley Post 769, concluded his stirring speech, "How sweet it is! To know that I live in a nation constitutionally designed to thrive, to endure, to succeed throughout the ages if and only if each and every individual here today understands and takes advantage of our constitutional right to vote. How sweet it is to be an American!"

A senior at John A. Rowland High School, Rowland Heights, Calif., White is student Body president, Black Student Union president, Student Cultural Exchange president, a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholastic Federation, and drama and choral programs. For finishing first in the National High School

Oratorical Contest, White received an \$18,000 scholarship. He has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, where he plans to prepare for a career in military law.

Caroline M. Page, 17, of Seneca, S.C., finished second with her speech titled "Freedom of Speech: The Not-So-Silent Bystander." Page, sponsored by Post 120 of Seneca, S.C., won a \$16,000 scholarship and plans to attend Duke University.

Mukund Krishnaswami, 15, of Glen Burnie, Md., finished third and won a \$14,000 scholarship for his speech "The Great American Contract." Krishnaswami, sponsored by Post 154 of Glen Burnie, is a junior at Mount Saint Joseph College High School and plans to study corporate law at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jessica R. Donze, 18, of Rochester, Minn., won fourth place and a \$12,000 scholarship for her oration "It Is Up to Us: A Citizen's Responsibility to Government." Donze, sponsored by Post 446 of Rochester, is a senior at Rochester Mayo High School and plans to study nutritional science at the University of Wisconsin.

The American Legion has sponsored the National High School Oratorical Contest for 54 years, and national scholarships are made possible by The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. More than 30,000 high school students competed in the 1991 national contest, where students research, write and deliver an 8- to 10-minute speech about the U.S. Constitution with an emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to the nation.



Charles Moloney, vice president of MBNA America (l), presents a pair of checks to National Treasurer Webber LaGrange during the Washington Conference in February. Moloney donated \$5,000 each to The American Legion National Emergency Fund and the Family Support Network. MBNA America and the Legion have been partners in a VISA card venture since 1987, and the Newark, Del.-based firm has been a strong supporter of Legion programs.

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## 'History' Useful Reference

**P**OST 1477 of Lackawanna, N.Y., recently donated copies of *The American Legion: An Official History* to the Lackawanna Public Library and Lackawanna High School library. Salvatore Bardonaro, Lackawanna Public Library director (l), accepts a copy of the Legion

history from Past National Commander Michael J. Kogutek and Post 1477 Commander Ben Strozzyk. According to Kogutek, Boys State candidates will use the books as a reference for their Post interviews, and Legionnaires and others can read the book and learn about the more than 70 years of Legion history.





## VETNET LAUNCHES NEW ERA IN OUTFIT REUNIONS

**R**EUNION coordinators will find VetNet™ especially helpful for getting the word out to group members. Coordinators will be provided with a toll-free 800 number and a PIN (Personal Identification Number) to update information, leave messages and answer questions daily. The VetNet telephone service, which became operative June 1, will eliminate the nuisance of having to write for reunion forms and include SASEs every time group coordinators want to announce their reunions.

"Getting information to everyone, especially at the last minute, has always been the toughest job a reunion planner faces," said Douglas Foote, a World War II veteran of the 6th Air Force. "Some of us miss out. It takes a lot of

postage and personal efforts when plans change quickly. Now, one phone call can do the job."

VetNet provides group coordinators with a voice bulletin board that can be updated once a day. This feature allows coordinators to speak directly to all their members.

The Legion has identified nearly 10,000 groups to enroll in VetNet, and enrollment packets are being sent out.

It will take several months to enroll all groups, but we want to hear from group coordinators who have not received a VetNet enrollment packet. For best results, coordinators are asked to write VetNet at P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Please do not call, since we'll already be handling thousands of calls a day for those groups that are already enrolled.

Enrollment is free, but must be done on special VetNet forms. There are no annual fees and no need to re-enroll each year. VetNet groups, however, will need to keep us informed on new coordinators so that we can provide them with their PIN to make their free calls each day.

National Commander Robert S. Turner hailed VetNet as another example of how the Legion uses modern technology to serve veterans and their families. "VetNet uses combinations of telephones and computers to create a nationwide information service for anyone to use, 24-hours a day," Turner said.

VetNet is built on an outfit reunion format, so callers can always hear the most current reunion information. For groups with no reunion plans, VetNet can be used to plan a get together. With MailCall, a second VetNet feature, veterans can share messages with each other on a daily basis.

To reach VetNet, callers dial 1-900-773-VETS (1-900 773-8387) from a TouchTone phone and when asked, enter the VetNet number of the group about which they want information. Each outfit has a different 5-digit VetNet number. Last month nearly 600 outfits were given their special VetNet number and they were listed in the magazine. This month more than 500 more have been published (see the 5-digit number immediately following the ZIP code of the contact person's address).

VetNet also operates a Directory Assistance service to help callers find the correct VetNet group number to use in the system. The VetNet directory call is toll free at 1-800 348-VETS. Callers will be given the 5-digit number for the group they are looking for and told to call 1-900 773-VETS. If the group you are seeking has not been assigned a VetNet number in the magazine, you can call Directory Assistance and obtain it. All calls to the 900 number cost \$1 per minute. Proceeds go to Legion programs.

While personal messages are encouraged, no unauthorized commercial messages are allowed on VetNet. Profanity and other inappropriate commentary is prohibited. MailCall messages remain on the system about one month before being removed.

The VetNet system is easy to operate, and people are invited to call 1-900 773-VETS and listen to a demonstration of how a typical group uses VetNet to communicate.

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- 3rd Inf. Div. (Hungnam Beachhead evacuation) (Aug-Charleston, SC) Kenneth Kendall, 5782 Houston Ave., Portage, IN 46369. 11059
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- 4th Signal Bn., T&T Co. (1950-53) (Aug-Albany, NY) Don Raina, 36 East St., Bennington, VT 05201. 10612
- 8th FA OBsn. (Oct-Waterloo, IA) Jimmy Lipman, 4141 N. Henderson Rd., Arlington, VA 22203. 11236
- 10th Engrs., 3rd Inf. Div. (Aug-Niagara Falls, NY) Andy Sporleder, 4745 Lake Rd., Wilson, NY 14172. 10609
- 11th Inf., 5th Div., G Co. (Sept-Wisconsin Dells, WI) Leo Lisney, 1104 Jefferson Ave., Sparta, WI 54656. 10954
- 13th FA Obsn. Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Pittsburgh) Paul D'Andries, 1095 Mississippi Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216. 11020
- 14th Arm'd Div. (Sept-Columbus, OH) Andrew Tierno, 42 Vestal Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903. 10814
- 14th Inf. Rgt., 25th Div. (1951-52) (Sept-Wabash, IN) R.E. Brown, 242 W. Gladstone St., Wabash, IN 46992. 10601
- 16th Cav. Grp., 16th/19th Recon. Sqs. (Sept-Elizabethtown, KY) Frank Kozlowski, 252 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406. 10863
- 17th Arm'd Engrs., E Co. (WWII) (Oct-Warner Robins, GA) Charles Powell, Rt. 1, Oglethorpe, GA 31068. 10930
- 19th Tank Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (Oct-Overland Park, KS) Albert Hunzicker, 1525 N. 81st Terr., Kansas City, KS 66112. 10919
- 30th Evac. Hospital (SM) (Sept-Chanhassen, MN) A.J. Cooper, 4614 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416. 10714
- 30th Med. Depot Co. (Sept-Middleburg Heights, OH) Allen Benson, 2833 Tara Lakes Cir., N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917. 11027
- 32nd Bn., 1st Med. Rgt., Pioneers, MFSS (Carlisle Bks./1920-45) (Oct-Carlisle, PA) D.W. Campbell, Rt. 2, Box 155, Laurel, DE 19956. 10977
- 35th Inf., 25th Div., Co. L (Oct-Palm Beach, FL) R.L. Roper, 140 Roper Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28739. 10864
- 37th Div. Vets Assn., FL Chapter (Nov-Kissimmee, FL) D.E. Martin, 5125 Jo St., Zephyrhills, FL 33541. 10736
- 44th Div. Signal Co. (Nov-Pigeon Forge, TN) Harold Franz, 419 Ash St., Deshler, OH 43516. 10936
- 44th Inf. Div. Band (1947-53) (Aug-Springfield, IL) Steve Hall, 52 Westwood Terr., Springfield, IL 62702. 10750
- 46th Engr. Const. Bn. (Sept-Oklahoma City, OK) Marvin Hoot, 14929 E. 98th St. No., Owasso, OK 74055. 10744
- 46th Signal Hvy. Const. Bn. (Aug-Hampton, VA) James McManama, 1859 Greenwood Rd., Roanoke, VA 24015. 10944
- 47th General Hospital (New Guinea) (Oct-Modesto, CA) John Harrison, 127 Smoak Dr., Easley, SC 29642. 10686
- 52nd Signal Bn. (Sept-Callicoon, NY) Charles Wingardner, 1035A Thornbury Lane, Lakehurst, NJ 08733. 10713
- 55th FA Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Somerset, PA) Philip Noto, 1305 Mitman Rd., Easton, PA 18042. 11024
- 58th Ord. Ammo Co. (Korea) (Sept-Covington, KY) Robert Lambert Sr., 1605 N. Marshall Rd., Middletown, OH 45042. 10700
- 62nd AA, C Btry. (WWII) (Oct-Lake George, NY) E.F. Snyder, 1 Cooper, Greenwich, NY 12834. 10590
- 65th Inf. Div. Assn. (WWII) (Aug-New Orleans) Fred Cassata, 123 Dorchester Rd., Buffalo, NY 14213. 10922
- 67th AA Gun Bn., C Btry. (WWII) (Sept-Meadville, PA)

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- 67th Field Hospital (Sept-Cincinnati) William Doepe, 624 Brandy Creek Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. 10660
- 70th Engr. LP Co. (WWII) (Sept-Gloucester City, NJ) Edward Soper, 124 Byrne Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. 10757
- 71st Inf. Div. (Sept-Columbus, GA) George Mills, Rt. 2, Hartley, IA 51346. 11102
- 71st Inf., 1 Co. (WWII) (Sept-Orlando, FL) Joseph DeSantis, 110 Royal Park Dr., #4E, Oakland Park, FL 33309. 10640
- 75th Station Hospital (Sept-Lancaster, PA) Lloyd Mortimer, 3109 James Buchanan Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. 10998
- 78th Div. Veterans Assn. (Sept-Louisville, KY) Mark Hoffman, 1221 Brinkerton Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601. 11038
- 82nd Airborne Div. (Aug) John Ebling, 590 Potter Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224. 10695
- 86th Blackhawk Div. Assn. (Sept-Las Vegas) Allyn Dull, 1226 Kilian Blvd., St. Cloud, MN 56304. 11019
- 89th Chem. Mortar Bn. (Sept-Gettysburg, PA) Richard McLennand, 24 Kenwood Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. 10691
- 94th Signal Bn. (Aug-Indianapolis) John Porter, 739 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107. 10689
- 97th Inf. Div. Arty., HQ Btry. (Sept-Colchester, VT) Sam Barone, 30 Bluebird R., Colchester, VT 05446. 10725 D
- 100th HTS (Philippines) (Oct-Lake Lure, NC) Larry Eckard, Box 5145, Hickory, NC 28603. 10794
- 103rd Inf. Rgt. (Sept-Dallas) Betty Ellsworth, 8260 Moreland Rd., Jerome, MI 49249. 10907
- 104th Cav., Service Troop (H-M) (Sept-Carlisle, PA) Clifford Yinger, 1202 White Birch Lane, Carlisle, PA 17013. 10918
- 108th Evac. Hospital (Oct-Abingdon, IL) Gabe Pica, Box 272, Abingdon, IL 61410. 10766
- 117th Gen. Hospital (Nov-Lancaster, PA) Larry Eckard, Box 5145, Hickory, NC 28603. 10807
- 127th AAA Gun Bn. Assn. (Oct-Mobile, AL) Paul Alexa, 8144 Stockbridge Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. 11083
- 133rd Inf. Rgt., 34th Div., K Co. (WWII) (Sept-LeMars, IA) John Trobaugh, 707 2nd Ave. S.E., LeMars, IA 51031. 11052
- 133rd Inf., 34th Div., Anti-tank Co. (Sept-Omaha, NE) Ted Bagan, 1213 Fairfax Rd., Bellevue, NE 68005. 10879
- 137th Ord. Co. (HMFA) (Oct-Savannah, GA) Ben Heaton, 221 Evelyn St., Marietta GA 30060. 10677
- 140th AAA AW Bn. (SP) & other 40th Inf. Div. units (Korea) (Sept-San Diego) Don Donnelly, 391 Aldwych Rd., El Cajon, CA 92020. 10980
- 141st Signal Co. (Aug-Lafayette, IN) Ken Illingworth, 1104 Logan Ave., Lafayette, IN 47905. 10969
- 148th Inf. Veterans Assn. (Aug-Camp Perry, OH) Henry Donnell, 8117 Scarborough Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46256. 10632
- 148th Station Hospital (WWII) (Oct-Columbus, OH) Raymond Cichowicz, 220 McClellan St., Reading, PA 19611. 10997
- 150th Inf./Arm'd Cav. Rgt. (Sept-Charleston, WV) Noble Lanham, 1282 Poca River Rd., Poca, WV 25159. 10730
- 160th General Hospital (WWII) (Sept-Lexington, VA) Joseph Houser, Rt. 6, Box 54, Lexington, VA 24450. 11103
- 164th Inf. Assn. (Sept-Fargo, ND) Waldermar Johnson, 3211 Cherry Ln., Fargo, ND 58102. 10708
- 166th AAA Gun Bn., C Btry. (Sept-Erie, KS) Gerald Fager, 1423 N. Baltimore, Derby, KS 67037. 10685
- 167th Inf., 31st Div., B Co. (WWII) (Aug-Dayton, OH) Leo Logel, Box 19, New Lebanon, OH 45345. 10606
- 191st Signal Repair Co. (Sept-Frankenmuth, MI) Jack Thomas, 708 Harold St., Bay City, MI 48708. 10953

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- 62nd Arm'd FA Bn., 11245
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- 107th Engr. Bn., 11246
- 135th Rgt., 34th Div., H Co./3rd Pltn., A.T., 11240
- 249th Engr. (C) Bn., 11242
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- USS Aulick, 11243
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- 193rd FA Bn. (108th FA Bn.) (Sept-Bushkill, PA) Clarence Lopatta, 6686 Applebridge Dr., Youngstown, OH 44512. 11082
- 202nd AAA AW Bn. (Oct-Navarre Beach, FL) Elmer Krebsbach, G3361 Lynne Ave., Flint, MI 48506. 11073
- 203rd FA Bn. (Oct-Tulsa, OK) Bill Cottingham, Rt. 1, Box 307, Big Cabin, OK 74332. 10880
- 207th Engr. (C) Bn. (Sept-Morgantown, PA) George Lewis, 1545 Beale St., Linwood, PA 19061. 10762
- 214th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Ellenville, NY) Warren Edwards, 114 E. Chestnut St., Orrville, OH 44667. 11107
- 216th General Hospital (WWII) (Sept-Portland, ME) Alfred Sudsbury, Box 186, Milbridge, ME 04658. 11062
- 224th Rgt., 40th Div., Hv Mort. Co. (Aug-Redondo Beach, CA) Dale Reiley, 1329 Cliff Ave., Fillmore, CA 93015. 10731
- 239th Combat Engrs. Bn. (Sept) Donald Siefers, 2210 N. Lincoln, Davenport, IA 52804. 10986
- 243rd Port Co. (Oct-Charleston, S.C.) D.M. Jacobson, 103 Church St., North Warren, PA 16365. 10580
- 246th C.A. Assn. (Sept-Natural Bridge, VA) Ray Cross, 1209 Kerns Ave. S.W., Roanoke, VA 24015. 10985
- 248th Engr. (C) Bn., H&S Co./Med. Det. (Sept-Cleveland) Al Pfeil, 16381 Ashland Dr., Brook Park, OH 44142. 10871
- 252nd Engr. (C) Bn. (Sept-Columbus, OH) Jerry Fatica, 7383 Cedar Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026. 10639
- 252nd FA Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Beaver Dam, WI) Harold Schmidt, N8286 Stoney Point Rd., Beaver Dam, WI 53916. 10896
- 260th CA AA, DCNG & later units (Oct-Andrews AFB, MD) Wayne Brizendine, 4806 Wyaconda Rd., Rockville, MD 20852. 11064
- 273rd FA Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Ames, IA) Robert VanScoy, 230 N. 21st, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. 10868
- 284th Engr. (C) Bn. (Oct-Newport, RI) George Kingston, 11 Morgan St., Newport, RI 02840. 10690
- 286th Comb. Engrs. (July-Chicago) Gus Kollias, 5817 N. Forest Glen, Chicago, IL 60646. 10767
- 291st Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Idaho Falls, ID) Bill Johnson, 648 N. 1000 E., Shelley, ID 83274. 10883
- 298th Gen. Hospital (Sept-Nashville, TN) Jim Donohoe, 3685 Newhaven Rd., Pasadena, CA 91107. 10860
- 301st Signal Oper. Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Cape Cod, MA) John Donovan, 141 Wilmont St., Wethersfield, CT 06109. 10644
- 303rd Station Hospital (Sept-Indianapolis) Betty Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 92, Idaville, IN 47950. 10941
- 322nd Inf. Rgt., 81st Inf. Div., C Co. (WWII) (Sept-St. Louis) Herman Soblick, 76 Barrymore Blvd., Franklin Square, NY 11010. 11255
- 323rd Inf., 81st Div., B Co. (Sept-Corinth, MS) Mrs. Thomas Nelms, 103 Sixth St., Corinth, MS 38834. 10745
- 324th Inf. Rgt., 44th Div. (WWII) (Aug-Schaumburg, IL) Larry Hendricks, 2190 Sibley St., St. Charles, MO 63301. 11108
- 338th Inf., 85th Div., Co. E (Sept-McAlester, OK) Eugene DeFrang, 995 W. Jackson, Box 1102, Krebs, OK 74554. 10712
- 342nd Arm'd FA Bn. (Oct-St. Louis) Chall Allred, Box E, Burley, ID 83318. 11106
- 343rd FA Bn., 90th Inf. Div. (Sept-San Antonio) Casimir Segal, 15207 Sunset Dr., Dolton, IL 60419. 10631
- 348th Ord. (Aug-Raleigh, NC) Sallie Pulley, 720 Winterlocken Rd., Raleigh, NC 27603. 10885
- 367th FA Bn., 98th Div., A Btry. (WWII) (Oct-Waterbury, CT) Bob Mead, 32 Smith St., # 3W, Seymour, CT 06483. 10929
- 377th Harbor Craft Co. (Sept-Colorado Springs) Kenneth Wheeler, Rt. 1, Box 516A, Adams, NY 13605. 10926
- 389th FA Bn., C Btry. (Oct-Brockport, NY) G.M. Goetze, 6276 Charlotteville Rd., Newfane, NY 14108. 10719
- 411th Inf., 103rd Div., A Co. (WWII) (Sept-Dallas) Bob Hopper, 1546 Washburn Ave., Beloit, WI 53511. 10627
- 421st Engr. Dump Truck Co. (Sept-Emporia, KS) Noah Peach, Box 566, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845. 10614
- 433rd Signal Bn. (Nov-Hickory, NC) Dina Coffey, 3466 Lester St., Conover, NC 28613. 10870
- 449th AAA AW Bn., B Btry. (Oct-Rocky Hill, CT) John Markoya, 1083 Capitol Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06606. 10825
- 461st AAA AW Bn., HQ Btry. & Medics WWII (Oct-Salem, VA) Francis Breyette, 1137 Orkla Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55427. 11002
- 465th AAA AW Bn. (SP) (Sept-Wilmington, DE) C.H. Gibson, Box 3606, Glyndon, MD 21071. 10616
- 465th FA Bn. (Oct-Lake Ozark, MO) Frank Sallee, Box 1469, Camdenton, MO 65020. 10909
- 479th Amph. Trk Co., 1st Engr. Spec. Bde. (Sept-Manchester, TN) Lester Limbaugh, Rt. 1, Belvidere, TN 37306. 10682
- 488th Port Bn., 188/189/190/191 Port Cos. (Sept-Norfolk, VA) S.D. Butterfield, 9804 Broad St., Bethesda, MD 20814. 10811

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496th Arm'd FA Bn. (WWII) (Oct-San Antonio) Frank Soule, 3443 Ivy League Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805. 10920

501st Med. Coll. Co., Bn. 62 (Sept-Sturgis, MI) C.L. Millman, 500 E. Lafayette, Sturgis, MI 49091. 10803

504th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Dayton, OH) Jim Marshall, 332 Van St., Barborton, OH 44203. 10872

507th QM Bn. (Philippines) (Oct-Lake Lure, NC) Larry Eckard, Box 5145, Hickory, NC 28603. 10754

510th Engr., Lt. Pontoon Co. (Sept-Conway, AR) Elwood Lenz, 9430 Metcalf Pl., Milwaukee, WI 53222. 11074

518th AAA Gun Bn. (Oct-Las Vegas) Noah Cantrell, 2917 Meadowlark Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. 10891

524th MP Bn., C Co. (Oct-Macon, GA) Frank Lanneau, 1008 Birch St., Macon GA 31204. 10727

533rd E.B. & S.R., F Co. (Oct-Niagara Falls, Canada) Steve Pentek, 108 Paradise Harbor, N. Palm Beach, FL 33408. 11006

534th AAA Bn., A Btry. (Aug-Wichita, KS) Ernest Delk, 1122 W. 50th St., S. Wichita, KS 67217. 10970

554th AAA AW Bn. (Sept-St. Augustine, FL) Fred Lab Jr., 10101 Burnt Store Rd., #23, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. 10668

557th FA Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Lynn, MA) Armand DiFillipo, 178 Ocean St., Lynn, MA 01902. 11010

564th FA Bn., 71st Div., B Btry. (Sept-Loveland, OH) Charles Fink, 10816 Schlottman Rd., Loveland, OH 45140. 10820

567th AAA Weapon Bn. (Sept-Hagerstown, MD) Charles Winger, 657 Pen Oak Rd., Hagerstown, MD 21740. 11000

602nd AAA, C & HQ Btrys. (Sept-Cincinnati) Charles Miller, 4 Alcott Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45218. 10653

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625th Engr., L E. Co. (Sept-Effingham, IL) William Warner, Rt. 3, Box 20, Jerseyville, IL 62052. 11060

631st TD Bn. (Oct-Jackson, MS) William Randolph, 700 Parks Road Place, Jackson, MS 39212. 10667

648th TD Bn. (Sept-Paragould, AR) Woodrow McDaniel, 713 W. Thompson St., Paragould, AR 72450. 10901

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701st MP Bn. (Oct-Burnsville, MN) Herbert Albrecht, Rt. 2, Box 22, Fairbank, IA 50629. 10802

701st TD Bn. (Sept-Evansville, IN) Donald Belt, Rt. 3, Box 234, Paris, IL 61944. 10801

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715th ROB (Sept-San Antonio) Cayce Thompson, 1130 S. Michigan Ave., #3214, Chicago, IL 60605. 11091

727th Amph. Trac. Bn. (Nov-Orlando, FL) Thomas Huston, 625 Moon Ranch Rd., Sebring, FL 33870. 11101

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736th Medium Tank Bn. (SP) (Sept-Nashville, TN) Jack Gay, 6193 Quince Rd., Memphis, TN 38119. 10679

743rd ROB (Nov-Melbourne, FL) Joseph Eller, 201 N. John Rodeos Blvd., #85, Melbourne, FL 32934. 11075

745th Tank Bn. (Oct-Oakbrook, IL) A.G. Spencer, 760 Glen Ave., Marseilles, IL 61341. 10916

754th FA Bn. (Sept-Indianapolis) R.A. Smith, 20740 W. 343rd St., Wilmington, IL 60481. 11056

759th MP Bn. (Oct-North Brunswick, NJ) Ralph Parillo, 318 Riva Ave., Milltown, NJ 08850. 10728

759th ROB (Sept-Nashville, TN) Dan Nepi, 26 Joans Ln., Berlin, NJ 08009. 10784

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772nd TD Bn. (Oct-Plymouth, MI) Napoleon Roberts, 14732 Kent Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48315. 10283

778th Tank Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Louisville, KY) George Nicholson, 1321 E. Douglas St., Goshen, IN 46526. 11109

788th MP Bn., D Co. (WWII) (Oct-Jamesville, WI) Dino Micheletto, 7841 S. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, IL 60652. 11068

790th FA Bn. (Oct-Orlando, FL) James Brady, 121 Steamboat Ln., #5, Ballwin, MO 63011. 10865

800th MP Co. (Fort Jay, NY) (Oct-Fort McHenry, MD) Joseph Murphy, 327 Clyde Ave., Baltimore Co., MD 21227. 10819

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804th TD Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Roswell, NM) John Gaddy, Rt. 3, 1404 E. 17 St., Roswell, NM 88201. 10701

805th TD Bn. (Sept) Michael Gierlak, 501 Cascade Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. 10991

820th Engr. Avn. Bn. (Oct-Dayton, OH) Max Whiteleather, 2414 Washington Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46808. 10600

823rd TD Bn., 30th Inf. Div. (Sept-Salt Lake City) William Higgins, Box 1222, Fillmore, UT 84631. 10743

825th TD Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Myrtle Beach, SC) John McCord, 217 Sawewood Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646.

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836th Engr. Avn. Bn. (Aug-Raleigh, NC) Donald Kasperek, 118 Prestwick Pl., Cary, NC 27511. 10973

873rd Engr. Avn. Bn. (Sept-Akron, OH) Thomas Passons, 638 Cassell Ave., Barborton, OH 44203. 10674

899th TD Bn. (Sept-Springfield, MO) Howard Scott, 5025 S. FF Hwy., Battlefield, MO 65619. 11085

965th FA Bn. (Sept-Cherokee, NC) Nolan Williams, Box 353, Whittier, NC 28789. 10761

982nd Engr. Bn., B Co. (1950-52) (Oct-Atlanta) Richard Harrington, Rt. 1, Box 390, Asheboro, NC 27203. 10662

995th FA Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Toledo, OH) John Souza, 149 Queen Drive W., Wareham, MA 02576. 10775

1056th Engrs., PC&R Grp. (Oct-Little Rock, AR) George Willis, 2221 hot Strings Rd., Benton, AR 72015. 10866

1284th Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Bordentown, NJ) Emilio Tirado, Rt. 1, Box 37A, New Egypt, NJ 08533. 10854

1896th Engr. Avn. Bn. (Oct-Louisville, KY) Victor Lechowiz, 719 Taylor Ave., Avalon, PA 15202. 11112

3118th Signal Serv. Grp. (Sept-Philadelphia) Jim Sands, 1532 Newton St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952. 10595

3119th Signal Serv. Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Pigeon Forge, TN) Norman Laustsen, 3 Rockage Rd., Warren, NJ 07059. 10581

3187th Signal Serv. Bn. (Sept-Huntsville, AL) Albert Barmby, 2609 Excalibur Dr. S.E., Huntsville, AL 35803. 10716

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63rd NCB (WWII) (Aug-Evansville, IN) Byron Carter, 555 Shady Lane, Boonville, IN 47601. 10755

76th NCB (WWII) (Sept-Jacksboro, TX) R.A. Brewer, 5327 N. 30th, Tulsa, OK 74107. 10718

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95th Seabees (Sept-Tampa, FL) George Raykos, 1240 Wynnewood Dr., Bethlehem, PA 18017. 10773

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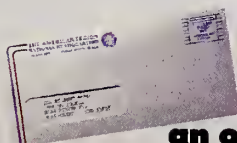
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There is no excuse for what CDC/ATSDR has done to people living in contaminated communities and to veterans and military personnel exposed to Agent Orange. These are men and women who serve our country, who pay their taxes and who work at the jobs that make this country a world leader. They deserve the respect and dignity of having any health problems related to chemical exposure properly and adequately evaluated.

Together, communities, military personnel and veterans can work to discover if their health has been affected by exposure to toxic chemicals, getting honest answers to their questions and holding CDC/ATSDR accountable for the inadequate, biased studies it has conducted. To make this happen, we must use the fundamental powers granted in the U.S. Constitution that allow the people to hold their government and political officials accountable for their actions. ☐

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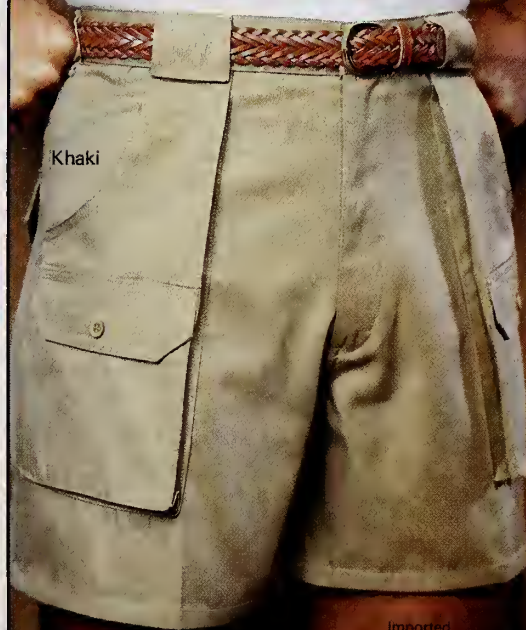
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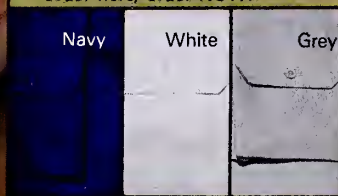
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# OUR ECONOMY

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cators that tell how the economy will be doing in three, six or 12 months.

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- **Gross National Product (GNP).** It covers everything produced in our economy. It appears every three months and is the most complete report of all. At last count, the GNP of the United States stood at \$5.5 trillion. A recession occurs when GNP stops growing for at least six months. Once GNP starts growing, the recession ends. The government doesn't decide exactly when recessions begin and end; that call is made by a private group called the Cycle Dating Committee of the National Bureau of Economic Research. Its senior member—Columbia University professor Geoffrey Moore—has called our recessions and recoveries for nearly 50 years.

- **Personal income and personal spending.** The two reports are issued together, in mid-month. Personal income meas-

ures how much we earn from our jobs, savings and investments. The more we earn, the more we spend. The bigger the gains in both personal income and personal spending, the better the economy is doing.

- **Industrial production.** It appears in the middle of each month and tells how fast production at our factories is expanding. The faster production grows, the stronger the economy. When production stops growing, as it did in 1990, we've got trouble.

- **Unemployment.** It appears on the first Friday of each month. It tells how many of us have jobs, how many don't, the unemployment rate and the percentage of people who want jobs but can't find them. The more of us at work, the more we earn and spend, and the better the economy is doing.

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- **Consumer confidence.** Late each month, a private research group called the Conference Board reports how 5,000 families feel about the economy, and whether they plan to buy a home, a car, or a major appliance. "That takes a picture of two-thirds of the economy," said Irwin Kellner, senior vice president at Manufacturers Hanover Trust in New York. When consumer confidence in the economy sinks, consumer spending falls. Since consumer spending is so important to the economy, a recession usually follows.

- **The stock market.** Even if you don't invest in the market, you should pay attention to it. It represents the combined thinking of lots of very smart people with lots of money. "That makes it the most powerful indicator of all," said Charles Nelson, economics professor at the University of Washington, and author of *The Investors Guide to Economic Indicators*. Best of all, you can follow the stock market hour-by-hour. When investors are worried enough about the economy to bail out of the market, it's time for you to worry. When they're optimistic enough to buy back in, it's time for you to be optimistic.

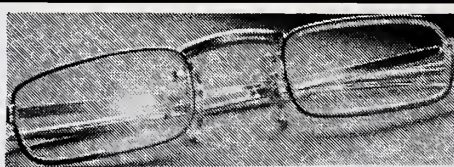
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# PENTAGON

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uncover glitches before fixes get too expensive.

As good as such ideas sound, one must wonder why the United States has never carried them out. The reason was never more clear to me than a few weeks ago during a Cub Scout field trip to Quantico Marine Base airfield. As the Scouts and their parents filed into the base weather station, the Marines in charge were polite and professional as Marines are wont to be. But on the wall was a poster with an inscription that would stop anyone who understood its significance. The words were: "You can count on the Corps." But the message ran much deeper: "When civilians or even someone with a different color uniform comes around, you had better keep your hand on your wallet." Prior to Operation Desert Storm, similar messages of distrust were coming across thousands of times a day to our servicemen and women.

Without all the other subtle messages, by itself, the poster at Quantico

poses no problem. Everyone wants Marines to be able to trust each other. But what about other Americans? Why do so many people in the military think so little of the rest of us?

The answer, of course, goes back to Vietnam and does not stop with public policy and attitudes that demoralized our troops on the battlefield or even with unkind words that greeted those who returned. An even greater tragedy was the fate of our wounded after they returned home. Neglect they suffered in the hospitals of the Veterans Administration, by several accounts, persists to this day.

For 20 years, our men and women in uniform have had to eke out a measure of security by trusting someone only after they prove themselves trustworthy while working by their side. What has thrown military people together, giving them a chance to prove something to each other, have been the various branches of the service. So soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen fight tooth and nail against any idea such as the General Command that would take the reins of power away from their service's chief. Furthermore, they can be expected to continue their fight against such ideas.

Here is the profound significance of

Operation Desert Storm. Americans have already made a good start on regaining the trust of the U.S. military. Especially effective was the way veterans of Vietnam were included in the welcome-home celebrations for troops returning from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. But all so far will ring hollow if we do not make sure that the wounded get adequate care, for the rest of their lives if necessary, and nobody who gave up civilian pay for a rifle and a tent in the desert goes without a job for long or loses his home to foreclosure. Government can do only a small part.

Once the American people—all of us—prove ourselves, the time will come for taking a hard look at how the Pentagon operates. As brutal job stress and accelerated heart-attack rates attest, most service people and civilians who make a living in military procurement do not want to maintain the status quo.

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## THINKING

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focusing on similarities rather than differences. Idealists usually are excellent listeners, carefully attending to others' ideas as they search for the common ground on which all can agree. They expect a great deal from themselves and from others, emphasizing the attainment of positive goals, quality service, and high-minded effort on the part of everyone. These super-high

expectations can lead to the rejection of others who put out less than a first-rate effort, or produce less than the best quality work. This is especially so for those who tread even lightly outside of the bounds of integrity, even though non-Idealists might find that behavior unobjectionable.

**Pragmatist.** Pragmatist thinkers are one-step-at-a-time, take-it-as-it-comes people. They're doers for today who refuse to be distracted by complicated plans, great visions, and other road blocks to progress. Pragmatists solve problems incrementally from the outside in, moving ahead even when

resources are meager, knowing that life's victories come largely from many small wins. "Accomplish what you can with what's available" is a guiding principle for Pragmatists, and it keeps them from being overwhelmed with difficulties that might overwhelm others with less flexible minds. This take-it-as-it-comes quality makes pragmatists resourceful, innovative people who don't bog down in endless efforts to touch every base, or get every number absolutely correct. Small wonder that they are often seen as shallow and opportunistic by their Idealist cousins, and as careless by Analyst friends.

**Analyst.** Analyst thinkers, on the other hand, are sure that there is one best way to do absolutely anything. One should patiently gather data, measure whenever possible, and then apply logic and rationality in a careful search for the right formula. For Analysts, things that can't be reduced to a measurable quantity—feelings or fantasies, for example—just aren't important enough to be given much weight or attention. It's not that Analysts don't have strong feelings, although they may often look that way. It's simply that they know how irrational and transitory feelings can be. Analysts, therefore, don't spend time on compliments, warm words of support, or other niceties. Unfortunately, without the sweetening of a little honest praise, their concern for detailed planning and thoroughness often comes through as negative nitpicking.

**Realist.** For Realists, the world is exactly what it appears to be. If you can't feel it, touch it, see it, or smell it, it's too vaguely theoretical to be of much use. Realists are frequently heard to say "get the facts." Of course, the "facts" they are talking about are those that are sitting in front of them, not the third-hand, abstract knowledge found in ledger sheets or on library shelves.

Setting concrete objectives and reaching them as quickly and directly as possible are important to Realists. They are rapid-fire thinkers, impatient with too much planning, preferring to act and get things moving rather than carefully search for the most efficient and well-planned approach. Like Pragmatists, Realists are not much given to soul searching or detailed analysis. Unlike Pragmatists, however, they often see a compromise or a change in direction as a defeat.

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Sure, we all know that particular situations call for differing ways of thinking and acting. Be a systematic heavy duty Analyst—does Roger come to mind?—at times, and a casual, flexible pragmatist like Ted at others. The irony of the human condition is that most of us don't do it that way. Instead of flexibly shifting our thinking patterns from one appropriate mode to another, we tend to approach every situation using our own preferred ways of thinking because they feel comfortable and they've worked so well for us before. Thus we may cautiously plan

the spontaneity out of everything and burden ourselves with equipment enough for a jungle safari—at least that's the way Roger looked to Ted. Or we have to "borrow" mosquito repellent, extra socks, and a rain slicker, because we were casual when a bit of pre-planning was needed. "Disorganized and careless," was Roger's annoyed characterization of Ted.

Whether we're running a company, or managing a household, most of the trouble we make for ourselves doesn't come from lack of intelligence or from muddled thinking. We do ourselves in, rather, by bringing to bear too much of a good thing. The good news is that once we've become aware of our human propensity for straining our best qualities of mind, we can stop doing it. The trick is to consult with others who think differently than we do, and, paradoxically, to force ourselves to practice some of the thinking strategies that most annoy us when others use them. If you're a Roger, try a little carefree abandon. If you're a Ted, try spending 10 minutes writing out a checklist before you pack for the next trip. You'll not only have a better understanding of the strengths to be found in other ways of thinking, but you'll find yourself making fewer dumb decisions. □

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## COUNTRY CLUB

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government level, there is always the risk of abuse by individual firms. For many developing nations, the path to the nuclear threshold led through the West German underground. Transnuclear, a German firm specializing in the transport of atomic wastes, has been at the heart of a number of scandals, allegedly for shipping weapons-grade atomic materials and bribing officials to look the other way. In 1989, the United States charged a second German company with selling beryllium to India. Still another German firm sent heavy water, a key atomic catalyst, to Dubai and Argentina by way of a stealthy, circuitous route across Scandinavia and the Orient. For sheer ingenuity, the clincher may have been a 1977 deal between a German firm and Pakistan. Investigators believe a plutonium processing plant was shipped piecemeal from Germany to Islamabad in 62 truck convoys during a three-year period.

Under the 1968 treaty, keeping track of all this falls to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is supposed to monitor peaceful nuclear operations and transactions involving nuclear materials. Unfortunately, the IAEA has no enforcement powers. The agency also is undermanned and unable to get consistent access to places it needs to check.

Verification problems take on added meaning because the technologies underlying the peaceful use of atomic power can be diverted or adapted to military purposes. The sudden popularity of reprocessing plants provides a potential source of weapons-grade material for almost any producer of nuclear wastes. It is a matter of assessing a given nation's intent in obtaining atomic power. Even if the intent is peaceful today, what if there's a coup tomorrow? For these reasons, U.S. officials believe it is reckless to entrust atomic know-how of any kind to nations with unstable political climates.

Fortunately, the prognosis is not as glum as some might suggest. Strategic nuclear programs take time to develop. "It's not an easy thing to put a nuclear warhead on a missile," said atomic expert Gary Milhollin, and construction of related facilities is relatively easy to spot, even from deep space. Milhollin proposes increasing satellite and so-called "open sky" surveillance.



The Gulf War has left little doubt about the accuracy of this kind of intelligence.

Vigilance on the part of industry and law enforcement helps. In 1987, a Pakistani agent was arrested in Philadelphia when he sought to buy 22 tons of special steel that could be used only for a uranium-enrichment plant. In 1990, FBI undercover agents devised an elaborate sting to capture Iraqi operatives who were trying to buy high-output capacitors (nuclear triggers) from a San Diego company, CSI Technologies.

Mazaar is among many who have suggested putting some teeth into the NPT. "If the international community ties inspections and other provisions of the treaty to economic sanctions," he said, "countries can be persuaded not to break the treaty." And when diplomacy fails, covert action could be revived, if necessary, to destroy nuclear programs on the verge of becoming operational in hostile nations such as Iraq. This "pre-emptive strike" option—once frowned on in the world arena—has been quietly gaining favor in recent times.

Finally, there are the implications of a speech given by President Bush on Feb. 15, 1991, to Raytheon workers, makers of the Patriot missile system. "Between now and the year 2000," said the President, "in spite of our best efforts to control proliferation, some nations may acquire the means to make nuclear weapons." Bush lauded the success of the Patriot in intercepting incoming Scud missiles, and cited its success as proof that "anti-missile missile systems can work."

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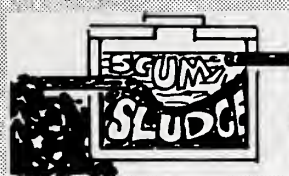
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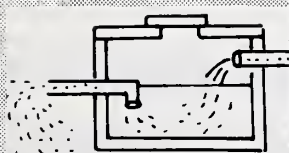
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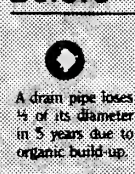
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# DELICATE PEACE

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takeover. There are others in the FMLN who believe in a political solution.

**Q.** Do you believe civil war is any closer to ending now than it was a year or two ago?

**A.** Most definitely. I think that all the circumstances within the country, within the region and outside the region, the downfall of Marxism in the world, the ending of the Nicaraguan problem, all are closing doors and windows on armed conflict to achieve political power, anywhere in the world. The FMLN is no longer seen as a viable military force. I believe that everybody would like to see them participate politically within the process, and I think a lot of people who previously urged them on militarily are now urging them to become an unarmed political group.

**Q.** Marxism has failed all over the world. Does the FMLN still present that as a workable economic system for El Salvador?

**A.** They're now presenting themselves as Social Democrats around the world, which is, again, nonsense. That's just a facade.

**Q.** How much influence does Cuban dictator Fidel Castro have in Central America?

**A.** I think much less than before but he still is very supportive of armed revolution groups like the FMLN and anything that promotes Marxism and Leninism. He is trying to remain as the last wall of the Marxist countries in the world.

**Q.** Are you concerned that drug trafficking threatens your nation's stability and do you see the problem in Central America growing or lessening?

**A.** It has not been a terrible problem in El Salvador for we are taking no chances. We have now introduced a bill very tough on drug trafficking and drug use in our country. We have set up an anti-narcotic commission which is receiving some help from DEA and we're continuing to work to stop drug trafficking. We want people outside El Salvador to see it as not a very safe place to use as one of the stops for the drugs that go north. It is not a problem and we hope that it will not become one.

**Q.** For years Castro has been involved in drug smuggling. Is he still involved in it?

**A.** There's an unconfirmed version that he had two high-ranking officers executed. Supposedly, the story was that they were trying to overthrow Castro. Unofficially the story is these people were investigating drug trafficking through Cuba and they had found out that there was quite a lot of it and Castro wanted to get rid of them because they presented a nuisance.

**Q.** Some say that death squads still operate in El Salvador. Would you comment on that?

**A.** I don't think that is a problem. It is impossible to say that within El Salvador things of that nature might not happen. Certainly, the number of political killings have decreased tremendously since the beginning of the 1980s. Our government is working to make sure that none occur.

**Q.** What is your economic program for increasing the standard of living in El Salvador?

**A.** We have tried to put together an economic program that is accompanied by a strong social benefits program. The economy was in shambles when we took office, and we have had to take some very tough measures in the economic area. At the beginning, that will hurt the population because of higher prices, higher tariffs, higher rates in public services and similar measures. However, that was needed in order to stabilize the economy and stop the downward trend we have had for the past 10 or 11 years. I think we're now at the stage where the country is basically stabilized.

**Q.** How vital is U.S. aid to the Salvadoran economy?

**A.** It's extremely vital. Our annual budget is basically \$900 million to \$1 billion U.S. dollars. The aid package from the United States is \$315 million, so just from that you can see that it is extremely important. I believe that we need to end the war, and hopefully, the aid that is coming in as military aid will turn around and become aid for social and economic growth.

**Q.** In your efforts to improve the economy, do you have any program to increase farm ownership for individuals?

**A.** Most certainly. That is one of the key elements in the land reform program instituted in 1980. Basically

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**Q.** With the civil war ending in El Salvador and the Sandinistas out of power in Nicaragua, what do you see as the future for El Salvador and Central America?

**A.** For El Salvador directly, we will see a very strong economic recovery. In areas that people do not invest, especially in agriculture, where they get by with what they have, they do not invest because of fear that the FMLN will destroy or damage crops. That will certainly start to flourish again. We could go back to being a very productive country. Salvadoran people are nicknamed "the Japan of Central America" because they work so hard.

Unquestionably, the people are willing. It will mean that the democratic process will speed ahead much easier with the end of the fighting. With peace it's much easier to work toward that strengthening of the democratic institutions. I think that in general in Central America, El Salvador, Guatemala, the entire region will begin to enjoy greater economic health and stability.

I would emphasize that our main project is peace. That's the one we work the hardest on. We've been trying to be as patient and as open-minded as possible with respect to the regular Marxist-Leninist groups. ☐

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# NOBLEST PRIZE

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peace plan really help pave the way for peace in Nicaragua? In retrospect, it appears to have been a factor in forcing dictator Daniel Ortega to hold free elections, which in turn gave the oppressed people of Nicaragua a chance to vote out the Sandinistas. Yet, as with Gorbachev, the final chapter on developments in this volatile nation has not been written.

Perhaps the Nobel Committee's most glaring case of good-intentions-gone-awry was its naming two doctors—one Soviet and one American—to receive the 1985 prize for their leading role in a group called "Doctors Against Atom War." Petitions and protests charged the Russian doctor with backing Soviet policy in Afghanistan and helping ostracize the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov from the Soviet scientific community.

Another area of controversy is the selection of award winners who seem to have little to do with fulfilling the criteria set forth in 1895 by Alfred Nobel

in his handwritten will. The peace prize, he said, should go to "the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Against these standards, how could one justify the most popular of all peace prize decisions—that of 1979 to Mother Teresa, for her selfless work among the destitute of Calcutta or the prize to Albert Schweitzer in 1952 for his medical missionary work in Africa? Or the one in 1970 to noted U.S. agricultural scientist Norman Borlaug, for helping "provide bread for a hungry world"?

Worthy people of the highest order, all. But promoters of peace between nations? Yes, indeed, responds Jakob Sverdrup, former director of the Nobel Institute. Defending the broader interpretation now placed on the selection process, he said: "Peace means more than just the absence of war. Peace is also the absence of suppression and injustice."

Thus was justified the controversial awards to Martin Luther King Jr. in 1964, and to Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa in 1984 for their leadership in non-violent struggles on behalf of racial equality. Likewise defended

are those of 1975 to Andrei Sakharov of the Soviet Union and of 1983 to Lech Walesa of Poland for their heroic resistance to the suppression of human rights in totalitarian societies. Further helping fan the winds of freedom behind the Iron Curtain were the Nobel Literature awards of 1958 to Boris Pasternak and of 1970 to Alexander Solzhenitsyn—both condemned by the Kremlin.

Small wonder the committee is often accused of interfering in nations' internal affairs. Even so, it won resounding world praise in one such case—its 1935 award to peace champion Carl von Ossietzky of Germany, who later died in a Nazi concentration camp. Hitler was so outraged by Ossietzky's award that he banned all Germans from receiving peace prizes. His protests to the Norwegian government got the customary answer: The Nobel Institute is a separate and independent body, and it does as it pleases.

Gen. George C. Marshall, who received the prize in 1953 for his authorship of the great plan bearing his name to rebuild the WWII-shattered economies of Europe, would evidently have agreed with the broader interpretation of Nobel's standards. In his acceptance speech in Oslo, he reproached those who questioned the Institute's honoring a soldier and said:

"The cost of war in human lives is constantly before me, written neatly in many ledgers whose columns are grave-stones. I am deeply moved to find some means or method of avoiding another calamity of war."

Significantly, 17 Americans have won the peace prize of the 90 so honored to date. Two winners have shared the award in several years. On the U.S. honor roll are such resplendent names as Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, Woodrow Wilson, Cordell Hull and Ralph Bunche. The latest American recipient: Elie Wiessel, in 1986, who survived the Nazi holocaust and went on to devote his life to preaching against the hatreds that lead to war. Americans have virtually dominated Nobel science awards in recent ceremonies.

The American scientist Linus Pauling has the distinction of being the only winner of two individual Nobel awards—one for chemistry in 1954 and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1962. The latter was awarded him for mobilizing the world's scientists against nuclear testing in the atmosphere, which led to the partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963.

One name strangely missing from all peace prize rosters is that of perhaps the greatest champion of peace in modern times: Mahatma Gandhi. This advocate of non-violent change was assassinated

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With wars piling up on top of wars in this turbulent century, the Nobel Committee at times has thrown up its hands and simply refused to name any peace prize recipient. This has happened 19 times since 1901, mostly during World War I and World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The great inventor himself called war “the greatest of all crimes” and weapons like those he helped create “instruments of hell.” Indeed, he hoped their very destructiveness would so appall people as to force an end to wars. Deeply skeptical about both people and politics, he felt that disarmament was hardly the answer to war, and that it was inconceivable that the great powers would submit their vital interests to international arbitration. So, long before the League of Nations and the United Nations came into being, he urged countries to combine and act jointly against aggressors. And this is precisely why the Nobel Committee picked the U.N. Peacekeeping Forces to win the 1988 Prize—to give the U.N. greater recognition and stature as a mechanism for joint action in pursuit of peace.

Ironically, the very system Nobel proposed for administering the peace prizes has also become a major cause of controversy. For unexplained reasons of his own, he called for the Nobel Institute selection committee in Oslo to be composed of five persons elected by the Storting, Norway’s Parliament. This in contrast to the other annual Nobel prizes—for physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and economics—all of which are handled by Swedish academic institutions based in Stockholm. With political people thus dominating the selection process, it was inevitable that the peace prize became politically oriented. In Scandinavia, this means liberal-oriented. Of the five present members of the committee, two are from the ruling Labor (Democratic Socialist) Party and one is from the Socialist Venstre Party, which is considered as far left as you can get without being communist.

Clearly, Nobel officials here feel that the world has seen enough war heroes, and they would like instead to create some peace heroes.

Irwin Abrams, professor emeritus at Ohio’s Antioch College and the foremost U.S. scholar on the peace prizes, maintains that, “People shouldn’t expect miracles of this one instrument of peace. Rather, it sets a standard for conduct that one hopes others will follow. It is a bright light in a very dark century.” □

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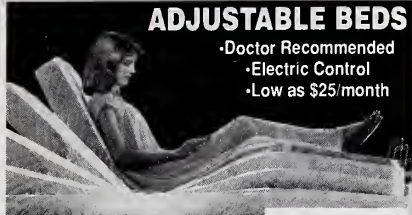
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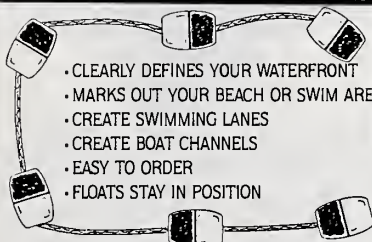
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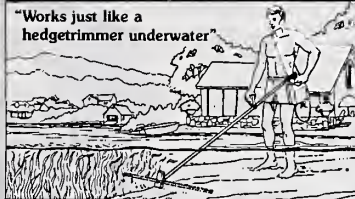
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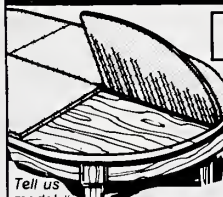
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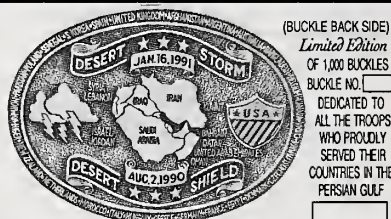
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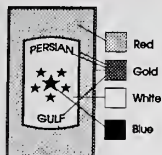
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OFFICIALLY  
ISSUED ON  
JULY 4, 1991

*They set out to confront a tyrant abroad.*

*They came home proud, confident and victorious.*

*Now, this stunning coin issued in their honor*

*can be yours — for just \$5!*

Side by side with the troops of 36 other nations, America's sons and daughters took only 43 days to lift the yoke of tyranny from the tiny, ravaged nation of Kuwait. In their astonishing victory they became the beloved *Heroes of Desert Storm*.

Now you can acquire a lasting tribute to their extraordinary courage: this historic official \$5 commemorative coin issued on July 4, 1991 — the day President Bush called on all Americans to "celebrate the rebirth of patriotism" — by the Republic of the Marshall Islands ... whose sons and daughters proudly marched through Desert Storm with our own.

The dramatic coin is dominated by a fiercely determined American Eagle. The five arrows clutched in its talons symbolize strength ... the olive branch peace. This legal tender \$5 coin of the Republic of the Marshall Islands is about the size of a U.S. silver dollar — but even thicker — and painstakingly minted in gleaming, brilliant uncirculated solid cupronickel.

Each coin is protectively encased in an attractive PresentationPak™ complete with a vivid narrative celebrating the *Heroes of Desert Storm*. Minted only in 1991 and available in limited quantity, the *Heroes of Desert Storm Commemorative Coin* is offered *without any premium* over its \$5 Face Value (add only \$1.50 per coin for shipping, handling and insurance). To assure fair distribution, there is a limit of five coins per order.

Order from the Republic of the Marshall Islands Coin Fulfillment Center, One Unicover Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82008-1991. Or call **TOLL FREE 1-800-323-1900**. All orders are subject to limitation and acceptance. *Your satisfaction is guaranteed.*



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*"All right, what did some other stupid car and some other stupid driver do?"*

## Light-headed Lunch

An absent-minded professor met a colleague and, after a short conversation asked, "Which way was I going when I met you?"

"That way," said his friend, pointing.

"Oh, good," the professor replied, "that means I've already had lunch."

## Too Real Estate

Murphy's Real Estate Law: The price of your home will always go up the month after you sell it.

## Growth Rate

By the age of 15, the average boy has outgrown 34 pairs of shoes, 53 shirts and two parents.

## Spectator Sport

Medical experts tell us that we can enjoy sex way past age 80. Of course, they may not mean as a participant.

## Heaven Can't Wait

"You don't believe that God lives in Heaven?" asked the reverend.

"No," replied the little boy, "He lives in the bathroom. I know because every morning my dad stands by the door and shouts, 'My God, are you still in there?'"

## Full-time Fright

"My daughter got a part-time job to learn the value of a dollar," chuckled the father. "And it scared the hell out of her."

## Deficit Reduction

The government increased the tax on cigarettes and liquor. So if you want to lower the budget deficit, drink and smoke.

## Thoughtful Worker

An angry supervisor called a worker into his office and pointed an accusing finger at him. "You've been going around the office telling everyone I'm a mean, no-talent idiot who should be given the boot!"

"That's not true," protested the worker. "I keep my thoughts to myself."

## Opportunistic Land

This is truly the land of opportunity. Any TV repairman, plumber or mechanic can become President, if he doesn't mind a substantial pay cut.

## Daring Truth

The boss doesn't like yes men. He wants us to always tell him the truth, no matter how badly it might hurt us.

## Error Margin

No matter how little room there is for error, people always manage to fit it in.

## Fore, Five, Six

While a golfer and caddy were searching the rough for a lost ball, the golfer said, "Why didn't you keep your eye on the ball?"

"I'm sorry, sir," the caddy responded. "But you caught me off guard when you hit it on the first swing."

## ZIP Sliding Away

Mud slides are a major postal problem in California. Every time it rains, three communities get new ZIP codes.

## Near-Sighted Speaker

As a speaker to a convention was checking into his hotel room, an elderly gentleman approached and told him that he always looks forward to the speaker's addresses. "What do you like so much about them?" the speaker asked.

"My eyesight is not so good," replied the elderly man. "And when you're on the program, I'm always guaranteed a good seat."

## SOUND OFF

You can now "sound off" about current issues through the Vetvoice lines of *The American Legion*. This month's question: **Should congressional terms be limited?** Call now **1-900-28-VOICE**. You can vote, receive a tally that includes your vote, listen to opinions of others and record your own opinion. Calls cost \$1 per minute and proceeds support Legion programs.

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# Fourth of July Collector's Issue From the National Historic Mint

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### The Pledge of Allegiance Story

The Pledge of Allegiance was written nearly 100 years ago by Francis Bellamy. Enormously popular, it expressed the national spirit so well that it was eventually adopted by our government as the official Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and is now recited every day by schoolchildren throughout America. The Mint proudly commemorates this historic 100th anniversary with the Pledge of Allegiance Crystal Bell.



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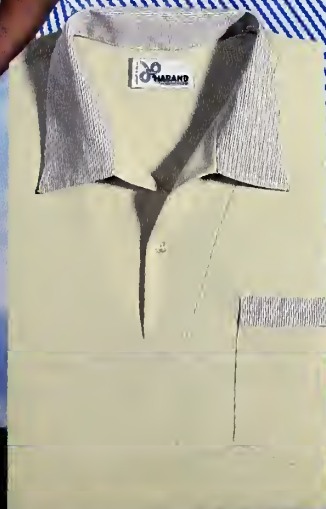
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